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Hartman, Barker to face off

Judge, legislators re-elected; runoff in Pickens District

Dean McManus

Steven Woods

Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon

Katie Case

Donna Hartman

Connie Barker

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has announced the results of the tribal election.

Legislator Katie Case, Ada, won re-election to Pontotoc District, Seat 3, while a runoff election will be required for Pickens District, Seat 2.

Incumbent Donna Hartman will face Connie Barker in a runoff election for the Pickens District seat. Ballots will be mailed to Pickens District voters August 11 and will be due back to the election secretary by August 26.

In the Pontotoc District race, Mrs. Case received 1,616 votes (51%). Challenger Nancy Elliott received 1,559 votes (49%).

"This election victory is a win by and for the Chickasaw people," Mrs. Case said. "Thank you to all who volunteered time and energy, all who voted and all who prayed on our behalf. Moreover, thank you to everyone who participated in this election, no matter for whom. I understand and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of all Chickasaws."

"I consider it a blessing to have had the opportunity to meet and get to know so many Chickasaw friends," Mrs. Elliott said. "I believe God has a plan with something in store for each of us, so I will be open to His direction."

Mrs. Hartman received 901 votes (45%), while Mrs. Barker received 729 votes (37%) for the Pickens District seat. Challenger Charles F. Lewis finished with 361 votes (18%).

"I appreciate all of the Chickasaw people that voted for me and supported me," Mrs. Hartman said. "I am really pleased to be in the run-off. I consider it a great privilege to serve the Chickasaw people and, if elected, I will continue to work for the people to meet their needs."

"Thanks to all the Pickens District Chickasaws who voted in the initial election," Mrs. Barker said. "This runoff election is a tremendous opportunity for voters to create real and positive change in our district. I am so grateful for all the support I have received, and I look forward to getting our positive message out to voters in the days to come."

"I want to thank the people who believed in me and supported me. I wish more Chickasaws would exercise their right to vote, it's the only voice they have." Mr. Lewis said.

Incumbent legislators Dean McManus, Ada, and Steven Woods, Sulphur, were unchallenged.

Sitting Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Cheri L. Bellefeuille Gordon, Sulphur, was also unchallenged.

Elected officials will take the oath of office 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1.

U.S. governors honor Gov. Anoatubby for distinguished service

Chickasaw Nation Bill Anoatubby was recently honored at the National Governors Association (NGA) conference in Philadelphia.

Gov. Anoatubby accepted the Distinguished Service Award from Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry and NGA chair Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty. The presentation was made during the NGA's centennial meeting in July. Gov. Anoatubby was honored as a private citizen for his leadership and valuable contribution to public service and state government.

The NGA presents eight Distinguished Service to State Government awards annually - three to state officials, three to private citizens and two for distinguished service to the arts. Gov. Anoatubby was nominated in the award's private citizen category by Gov. Henry.

"Gov. Anoatubby is a man of strong conviction, intellectual honesty and unwavering integrity," said Gov. Henry. "He has made tremendous improvements for the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation in terms of health care, education, economic development and public safety. Such achievements are a testament to his extraordinary commitment to the Chickasaw Nation as well

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Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, accepts the Distinguished Service Award from Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry, left, and National Governors Association chairman Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty. Gov. Anoatubby was honored during the July National Governors Association conference in Philadelphia.

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AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a..m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Members absent: Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Rachel Kent, Nancy Elliott, Ashley Large, Jeff O'Dell, Traile G. Glory, Francis Colby, Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, Bobby Carn, Steven Jay Moore Jr., Ron Parker, Patricia J. Appl

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - May 16, 2008

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the May 16, 2008 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2008 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

Ms. Easterling announced that the Public Budget Hearing would be held and she encouraged all to attend.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number GR25-062, Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Science and Technology Academy to be located in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR25-062.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-062 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-063, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Mr. Kennedy Brown

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Kennedy Brown to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Brown has served on the board for many years and will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25-063.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-063 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-064, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Ms. Pat Woods

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Pat Woods to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Woods Has served on the Board for many years and will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2009.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR25-064.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-064 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-065, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Ms. Debbie Jackson

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Debbie Jackson to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Jackson will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2008.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25-065.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-065 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-066, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Mr. Michael Cornelius

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Michael Cornelius to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Cornelius will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR25-066.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-066 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-067, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Mr. Adam Stafford

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Adam Stafford to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Stafford will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2008.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR25-067.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-067 carried unanimously.

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Annual Meeting, Festival calling Chickasaws!

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

Calling all Chickasaws!

It will soon be that special time of year once again when Chickasaws come together and celebrate our Annual Meeting and Festival. Remarkable as it may sound, this year marks the Chickasaw Nation's 48th Annual Meeting and 20th Chickasaw Festival!

As tradition dictates, the Annual Meeting and Festival will be centered in the historic capitol city of Tishomingo, Oklahoma. There will be plenty of fun, activities and exhibits on the Chickasaw capitol building grounds, including cultural tours, cultural demonstrations and the Youthful Celebration; the unique and inspiring Chickasaw artists' exhibition; and the Chickasaw Nation senior arts and crafts show and sale.

Also this year on the capitol grounds, Chickasaws and friends can enjoy a gospel singing from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

The week actually kicks off on Saturday, September 27 with the Chickasaw Junior Olympics at Tishomingo High School. The kids have fun competing in track and field events, and everyone is a winner.

Also on September 27, the popular co-ed slow pitch softball tournament gets under way. Chickasaws love softball, so be sure and enjoy the action. You'll be sure to see lots of people you know because, it seems, almost everyone either plays or attends! The fast pitch tournament will be played this year on October 3 and 4. All softball is played at Murray State College and the Johnston County Sports Complex.

This year's annual golf tournament will be played on September 27 at the exceptional Winstar Golf Course at WinStar in Thackerville, Oklahoma. This excellent 18-hole course has been rated one of the nation's best new public courses by Golf magazine, and we know plenty of Chickasaw golfers are anxious to break out their clubs.

Gov. BILL ANOATUBBY

One of my favorite annual events is the Chickasaw Princess Pageant. This year's pageant will be conducted Monday, September 29 at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center. This wonderful event showcases the beauty, talent and cultural knowledge of many Chickasaw girls and young women, three of whom will be crowned our Chickasaw royalty for 2008-2009. Each of these contestants is a very special young Chickasaw.

All kids will enjoy the new Kids' Fun to Learn Tent, open Tuesday, September 30 through Friday, October 3 at Pennington Park. Hundreds of school children from throughout the area will visit the tent and learn about Chickasaw artwork with hands-on instruction.

The year's Chickasaw Cultural Evening will be extra special. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m., Friday, October 3 at our new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. This will offer a first-time "sneak peek" at this wonderful new facility.

The Arts and Culture Awards will be Tuesday, September 30 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College.

Saturday, October 4 is a big day for all Chickasaws. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Murray State College. The Annual Meeting program begins at 9 a.m., during which I will deliver the State of the Nation address. We will all enjoy the traditional parade through downtown Tishomingo, then share food and fellowship with the traditional Chickasaw Lunch on the Murray State campus.

Throughout the afternoon Saturday, Chickasaws and friends in attendance will enjoy Chickasaw Dance Troupe demonstrations and lots of activities at Pennington Park. Be sure to take in the Chickasaw White House tour to Emet, Oklahoma. The original Chickasaw White House has been beautifully and accurately restored and is a site not to be missed.

If you are a regular attendee of the Annual Meeting and Festival, you are sure to enjoy this year's gathering with all its great traditions and new features.

If you have not previously attended – please join us! You will not be disappointed, and you will renew old friendships and strike up new ones.

The 48th Annual Meeting and 20th Annual Chickasaw Festival offers a great opportunity to explore your heritage. You are sure to come away with a renewed appreciation for your tribe, and for your fellow Chickasaws.

Applications open for 2008-2009 Chickasaw princess candidates

The 2007-2008 Chickasaw Princesses attended the 25th Annual Gathering of Nations Powwow and the Miss Indian World Pageant in Albuquerque, New Mexico. From left is, Jr. Miss Chickasaw Catie Newport, Miss Chickasaw Jaisen Monetathchi, 2007-2008 Miss Indian World Megan Young, and Little Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker.

The Chickasaw Princess program is now accepting applications for the upcoming 2007-2008 Chickasaw Princess Pageant, which will be conducted Monday, Sept. 29, at 6 p.m., at the Ada Cougar Activity Center in Ada.

Contestants will do their best to achieve either Chickasaw Princess, 17 to 23 years of age; Chickasaw Junior Princess, 12 to 16 years of age; or Little Miss Chickasaw, seven to 11 years of age.

The new crowned royalty will have the honor and privilege of representing the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across several states.

To be eligible to compete, applicants must be residents of the Chickasaw Nation, be a registered Chickasaw with at least one-quarter Chickasaw blood quantum, be the required age by the date of the pageant, never have been married, must not have any children, must never have served as a princess in the respective category, must have reliable transportation, abstain from the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco-related products during the reign as princess, attend public or private school and be working toward a diploma or be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Contestants must also attend an orientation workshop and must provide their traditional dress.

Applications can be picked up at the Youth and Family Services building, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, or on the web at http://www.chickasaw.net. Applications must be returned to the Princess Program at the Division of Youth and Family Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820.

In addition to completing the application, princess hopefuls must write an essay, have three letters of reference from non-relatives and submit a 5x7 self-portrait.

The Chickasaw princesses have been making appearances for many years. The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of former Chickasaw Governor Overton James, was appointed the first princess.

The 2007-2008 Chickasaw royalty are Miss Chickasaw Jaisen Monetathchi, Junior Miss Chickasaw Catie Newport and Little Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker.

For more information about the Chickasaw Princesses, contact Toni Castleberry at (580) 272-7710, or email toni.castleberry@chickasaw.net.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Colbert Reunion in Tuscumbia

The 2008 Colbert Reunion will be Thursday, September 11 at 7 p.m. in downtown Tuscumbia, Alabama. This event will take place at the Tuscumbia Church of Christ Annex. The annex is located at the corner of 4th and Main, (same place as last year). One of the main topics this year will be the Tharp Cemetery.

Historic Tours of Tuscumbia Landing will be given Friday, September 12 by the Southeastern Anthropological Institute. The tours will be begin at 2 p.m. and end at 6 p.m. The Tuscumbia Trolley will pick up passengers in Spring Park and return after each tour.

The Walk of Life is Saturday morning September 13 at 9 a.m. The Tuscumbia Trolley will be at Spring Park Saturday morning at 8:30 to take participates to Tuscumbia Landing.

For Further information please contact Annie Cooper 256-381-0700.

Family reunions offer opportunities for sharing

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello, Everyone!

Approximately two hundred strong, we had a great family reunion over the 4th of July weekend. The famous Tribal frybread maker, Lynie came one night and made the frybread for which she is so well known and she directed Dyonne, Teresa and several other hardworking family members as they put together the Indian Tacos being served that night (along with homemade fried pies!). Fifty pounds of ground round beef was a primary ingredient and with all the other good tomatoes, onions, lettuce, cheese and salsa we had a lot of happy people. And they were not unhappy the next night when Charles Fred and his "crew" cooked about a dozen briskets, I don't know how many chickens and several slabs of ribs and other great meats. Wonderful!!

As I looked around our family park (The Minnie Liddell Park) at people everywhere, it seemed, I thought of how pleased my grandmother would be. She planned for it, set aside allotted land and made known her wishes for her descendants. What an incredible gift she gave us for all the generations of us to come. And how great it is for our younger generation to continue maintaining and upgrading the park.

My three-year-old great-granddaughter is visiting this week and what a treat it is! I was thinking about the legacy our Tribe has for her and all the other of our descendants even though they begin to look a little less "Indian" – although I have to tell you that along with that blonde hair she got Indian black eyes. (She is 1/32nd). Not too many better birthrights could exceed that of being born Chickasaw!

The other day I walked the entire one-quarter mile (both ways!) of the new addition to our Winstar Casinos. Really beautiful with some wonderful artistry already in place. I believe the first of the five casinos being added to the complex is scheduled to open in September – Labor Day, actually. I serve on the Tribal Utility Board of Directors and it was nothing less than awesome to see the complex of generators and electric service equipment in the area. The largest in Oklahoma!

The weather is not shirking on the heat we are receiving so do everything you can to protect yourself and be safe. Great good wishes to all!

Linda Briggs

Indian diabetes program funded for 2011

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Sometimes, it seems those things we are hoping for will never happen. The funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) was one of those "events" that I had my concerns about.

And, when Presidet Bush vetoed HR 6331, the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, it would have appeard that our hopes were dashed. Congress immediately responded by voting to override the veto. The override is particularly imporant to Indian Country because it extends the SDPI until FY 2011 at $150 million per year. As you know, SDPI funding is the source for most of our diabetes programs in Indian Country. It funds the programs that are operated in the Chickasaw Nation.

The National Indian Health Board is encouraging us to thank our Senators and Representatives for supporting this legislation. The Chairman of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee stated that this victory is very important for Indian Country. Tribal leaders across the country worked to help support this bill. Diabetes programs will be extended because of this legislation. You can see what the National Indian Health Board has to say about the SDPI at www.nihb.org <http://www.nihb.org> . I encourage you to visit this web site.

On the home front, I am updating my blog with new hospital pictures and updates from summer activities. Please visit the "blog" at www.goforthparker.com <http://www.goforthparker.com> . I look forward to your comments.

Hoping that your summer is going well. God bless your every moment.

Judy Goforth Parker, Ph.D, RN

Pontotoc District Seat 2

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole Meeting

July 14, 2008

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

July 14, 2008

Present: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Education Committee

July 7, 2008

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Linda Briggs

Finance Committee

July 7, 2008

Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

July 14, 2008

Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Health Care Committee

July 7, 2008

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Legislative Committee

July 7, 2008

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Tim Colbert

Education, tribal health, career programs receive budget boost

Holly Easterling
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It is an honor and privilege for me to serve as the Committee Chair of the Finance Committee. I am happy to report that General Resolution 25-079, Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, was approved unanimously in the July Legislative Session. It is very exciting that never before have so many dollars been allocated to direct programs and services to Chickasaws, wherever they may live.

The FY 2009 budget represents a 42% increase over the FY 2008 budget. The increase is a direct result of our efforts in the gaming enterprises of the Nation as well as profits from our other business entities which include Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., Solara, LLC and Bank2

We also continue to garner federal grants and improve our proficiency in recapturing third-party payments for the Health System.

The increases in expenditures can be seen and felt across the board, but especially in programs such as School to Work Study Program, substantially increased education scholarships, Tribal Health programs (for Chickasaws only), Career Development Initiatives and other Assistance Programs and Special Health Programs for our Elders.

Our ability to increase existing programs and add new programs gives us a sense of accomplishment because we are here to enhance the quality of life for all Chickasaw people.

Fiscal Year 2009 begins on October 1, so be on the lookout for the new programs and services directory which will contain valuable information on where and how to access all programs and services available to you.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Health care providers added to CNHS staff

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee!

It is summertime in the Chickasaw Nation which is good for all the construction going on. The dirt work is being done on new buildings for the Legislative and Judicial Departments, work continues on Winstar Casino and the new hospital is rising to meet the sky, just to mention a few.

We have, or will have shortly, a few new health care providers in the Health System. Dr. Antonio Lee is the new full time physician in Internal Medicine; D.A. Ruby is our new nurse practitioner at the Ardmore clinic; Dr. R. Alan Smith is our new full time physician at the Durant clinic; and Julie Grimm is the new physician assistant in the Same Day Clinic. Serena Black, nurse practitioner, has moved to Tishomingo and Mike Langfus, physician assistant, has moved from Tishomingo to become our tribal health provider floating between Durant and Tishomingo.

We welcome the new staff and new assignments! We are blessed to have you with us.

Health System Administrator Bill Lance reports the following statistics: for the month of June, 2008, there were 233 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 18,396. May Emergency Room visits were 916. June saw 263 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,496 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 2,122 patients in June. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,977 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 1,966. The Durant Clinic saw 2,442 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 2,191 in June.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next month, thank you.

Minimum wage increase a subject worthy of consideration

Katie Case
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Dear Chickasaw Family and Friends,

Although you are reading the August edition of *the Chickasaw Times*, this article is being written in July. As expected, July is hot! The temperature reached 105 in Ada yesterday and more triple digit temperatures are expected.

The tribal campaigns are heating up as well. For those of you who voted, thank you. We are a stronger Nation because you participated in our government. For those of you who were unable to vote, please get ready to vote in the next elections. We will be even stronger with your participation.

In this time of extreme temperatures, remember the emergency utility assistance program. It can be used twice annually for assistance with utility bills.

In addition to extreme temperatures, this is a time of extreme economic pressure on all of us. Remember your Programs and Services booklets. If you need a booklet, call Joy Barrick at (580) 310-6451. Read it cover to cover to know every program for which you, a friend or family member may be eligible.

In these challenging times of high and rising fuel and food prices, working together with family, friends, neighbors, our church families and our communities to help each other and those who need help the most is crucial to all our collective well-being.

A group that needs our help the most are the hard-working people earning at or near the minimum wage. The federal minimum wage is about to increase from $5.85 to $6.55. While a minimum wage for Chickasaw employees has not been published, it is sage to assume that while low, our minimum wage is in line with or perhaps a bit more than the federal minimum wage. Thinking that a Chickasaw Nation minimum wage is a bit better than the norm feels good for a minute. But then, the undeniable reality that "minimum" means low for Chickasaw Nation employees just like it does for everybody else. Some believe that an increase in the minimum wage is just an added cost to businesses that will passed on to you and me in the form of even higher prices.

In the spirit of helping each other, I believe that the increase in necessary for people to keep up with the rising cost of living. Over half of the people earning minimum wage work full time, and many are women with children.

For those of us who can, it is our responsibility to help those in need. We at the Chickasaw Nation should consider the establishment of a minimum wage. We should, furthermore, consider the examples of 10 states that have created a minimum wage plan that keeps pace with inflation. The innovative plan makes it more likely that no worker and his or her dependents are left behind to suffer somewhere below the poverty line.

If you have thoughts about the minimum wage, you need information about emergency utility assistance, you need a Programs and Services booklet, or any other issue, give me a call.

Respectfully,
Katie
(580) 421-9390

Reinforcing good performance essential to our students

Wanda Blackwood
Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

One of the most important things we do through our tribal education programs is excite our young Chickasaw students about getting good educations.

Young people are exposed to so many more messages today. It can be difficult for a child to sort through the information and determine what is truly good and in his or her best interest.

Our elementary and secondary students are recognized through the Chickasaw Honor Club and the Outstanding Achievement program.

The Chickasaw Honor Club recognizes Chickasaw and other Indian children for their exceptional school performance. Students are honored for achieving all A's; all A's and B's; and for perfect attendance.

For the current fiscal year, which began October 1, 2007 and will run through September 30, 2008, the Chickasaw Honor Club has welcomed 1,151 Chickasaws with all A's into the club. A total of 1,779 Chickasaws entered the club with all A's and B's, and 1,092 Chickasaws have been honored for perfect attendance.

That is really something! We have so many students who are performing at a high level, and the Chickasaw Honor Club is a great way to reinforce their good work.

In addition to our Chickasaw youngsters, the Chickasaw Honor Club has recognized 1,118 other Indian students for all A's, and 2,046 for all A's and B's.

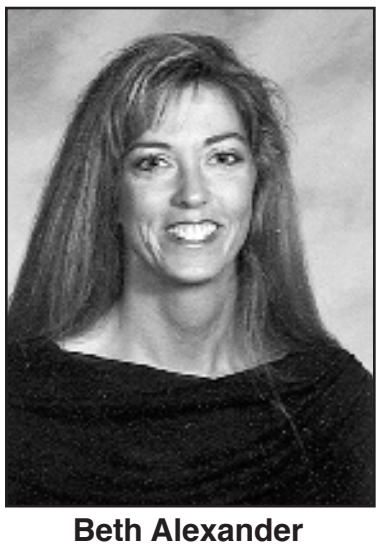
We understand the fundamental and essential role education plays for our students. Education is the biggest building block on which our students build great, fulfilling futures. We know gaining a quality education helps students understand the world much better. We know the discipline it takes to be a good student will help form good habits for a lifetime.

We know having the ability to compete in the market for a good job is based on quality education. Our achieving students, when they complete their high school, college or vocational training, will have before them excellent opportunities to make satisfying careers. Those careers are vital to solid, growing Chickasaw families.

As a Chickasaw legislator, I am a strong supporter of our tribal education efforts. We invest in our students, and we are sure they know we appreciate their achievements.

When you meet these young students, you can see in their eyes the pride they feel at being a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club.

Brick Memorial program a great way to honor loved ones



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

In 1994 the Chickasaw Nation Historical Society (CHS) was established.

Their mission was to promote, preserve and protect our culture and family traditions. Fourteen years later, (CHS) is still going strong. Through the years the Society has developed The Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture; A biannual publication full of interesting stories and pictures of Chickasaw history. These journals are available for citizens to purchase or receive them free by joining (CHS). By becoming a member, your sponsorship will help support many historical preservations. One of the fund raising events that I have enjoyed being a part of is "The Brick Memorial". The bricks are individually crafted with your family names, dates or titles on them. They will be placed in the ground at one of three Chickasaw Historical sites: Capital grounds, Tishomingo, OK. Chickasaw White House grounds, Emet, OK or Seeley Chapel. The cost of each brick is $25.00 and you may order as many as you like. I personally have used the brick memorial in lieu of flowers for loved ones and as a reminder of special events in the family. It is nice to be able to view the bricks every year during Festival and read about other Chickasaw families. For more information on the Historical Society or ordering bricks contact Verna Smith (580) 559-0562.

In July, the Senior Citizens from the Achille Center made Panola District history! They are the first group of seniors from Panola District to go on a group trip in one of the Nation's big touring buses. Senior groups from across the nation joined together and traveled to South Dakota to see Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse and Deadwood City. The seniors at the Achille Center worked hard to raise funds and prepare for this trip. I have heard, they had a wonderful time and given time to rest up, they will be ready to go again! If you live anywhere near the Panola District, (in boundaries or out), come join the fun. There are many activities to take part in and your input and participation are in great demand. Come to lunch at the center in Achille or call Melba Love the site manager at (580) 238-3108 to learn more. We want and need your help to make the Panola District Senior Citizens Center grow!

Seniors from the Achille Senior Center on a trip to Mount Rushmore with the Chickasaw Nation Senior Citizens' Tour in July. Back row from left, Harold Anders, OC Beshirs, Joe Beshirs, LD Love, Hearl Mead, and Mary Cox. Front row from left, Melba Love, Kay Anders, Barbara Beshirs, Bernice Sweeney, Olene Beshirs, Flora Mead, Doris Shutterfield, Wanda Lewis and Dolly Nichols.

I want to thank the Chickasaw Nation Re-Entry program and the Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council for inviting me to speak with them last month. I had a wonderful time. The Community Council will be hosting a Music Fest on Saturday, August 16. There will be live music, many activities and Indian tacos will be served. To learn more about the event, contact Sara Lea (580) 564-4570 or Patsy Bailey (580) 564-2306.

May the blessings of the Lord be with you all,

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Thank you!

What a tremendous experience to meet and talk with so many Chickasaw friends during the election!

While I was not the winner, I am blessed to have made so many great friends. Thank you for your time and your support.

If I can be of help, please give me a call. I look forward to talking with you again soon!

-- Nancy Elliott

July 2008 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 25-079

Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2009

Explanation: This resolution approves the Consolidated Governmental Budget for fiscal year 2009 in the amount of $101,656,000.

Presented By: Finance Committee Holly Easterling, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-080

Amendment to Salary Level of Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar

Explanation: The resolution authorizes the salary range of the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar to be from L-21 (starting at $44,036) to L-26 (ending at $84,660). The current Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar, Ms. Rita Loder, has reached the top of salary level L-21; therefor, her salary cannot be raised. This resolution raises the limit for her salary so that it may be raised when the Governor so determines.

Presented By: Finance Committee Holly Easterling, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 25-007

Amendments to Title 3, Chapter 3, Article D Section 3-3406 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Salary Range)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 3, Chapter 3, Article D Section 3-3406 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to change the salary range for the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner. The salary range was originally set by the Legislature in 1994 and has not been amended since that time. The Chickasaw Nation's gaming enterprises have grown greatly in both number and size since that time requiring much more of the Gaming Commissioner than was originally imagined. The proposed salary range would be more commensurate with the increased responsibilities of the job.

The original salary range was from L-19 (starting at $38,375) to L-21 (ending at $60,017). The proposed range is from L-30 (starting at 81,797) to EL-10 (ending at $301,980).

Presented By: Finance Committee Holly Easterling, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Donna Hartman

Permanent Resolution Number 25-009

Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 3 Section 6-304.9 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Placement Preferences)

Explanation: This resolution amends the list of preferences to be used by the Chickasaw Nation courts in the determination of placement of a child for foster care or adoption. The amendments would make the list of preferences to be the following:

"1. the natural Parents, adoptive Parents, or Stepparents as the case may be;

2. a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation over eighteen (18) years of age who is the Child's Grandparent, Aunt or Uncle, Brother or Sister, Brother-in-law or Sister-in-law, Niece or Nephew, first or second Cousin, and their spouse;

3. a member of another Indian tribe over eighteen (18) years of age who is the Child's Grandparent, Aunt or Uncle, Brother or Sister, Brother-in-law or Sister-in-law, Niece or Nephew, first or second Cousin, and their spouse;

4. any other person over eighteen (18) years of age who is the Child's Grandparent, Aunt or Uncle, Brother or Sister, Brother-in-law or Sister-in-law, Niece or Nephew, first or second Cousin, and their spouse;

5. a Traditional Custodian who is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and their spouse;

6. a Traditional Custodian who is a member of another Indian tribe and their spouse;

7. an Indian Foster Home licensed by any other licensing authority within the state or an Indian Foster Home licensed by some other tribe;

8. a Foster Home licensed by the Department;

9. an institution for Children licensed or approved by the Department with a program suitable to meet the Child's needs.

10. any other citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and their spouse; or

11. any other Indian person and their spouse."

Presented By: Court Development Ad Hoc Committee Tim Colbert, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 25-010

Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Insurance for Elected Officials)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. Chapter 4 addresses general provisions for elected officials. This amendment will make insurance available to retiring elected officials on a cost basis ranging from 75% to no cost, depending upon the length of time an official served in any elected office. Insurance, defined to include life, health and dental as is available to employees and elected officials, shall become an additional retirement benefit to officials upon their retirement from office according to the scale defined in this resolution.

Presented by: Legislative Committee Steve Woods, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Tim Colbert, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz

2007-2008 Tribal Legislature

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Holding words and phrases in the palm of your hand

Military technology advances Chickasaw language

The Chickasaw Nation is now using military technology as a new tool in the ongoing effort to preserve, promote and revitalize their language.

A handheld electronic device called the Phraselator Language Companion will enable those interested in the language to have the voices of fluent speakers in the palms of their hands.

"I think it's just amazing," said Stanley Smith, Senior Language Master for Chickasaw Studies. "It's a really big step for us."

The Phraselator LC was introduced to fluent speakers of the Chickasaw Nation at the Fluent Speakers Day, conducted July 11 in Ada, Okla. The device will provide the user with easy to use English-to-Chickasaw and Chickasaw-to-English translations as well as proper pronunciation.

Don Thornton is CEO of Thornton Media, Inc., the California-based company that developed the Phraselator LC.

He said the Chickasaw Nation was part of a nationwide movement of Native American nations reclaiming the Native American culture and revitalizing the language

While Chickasaws across the United States are interested in learning the language, most fluent speakers and revitalization programs are located in southern Oklahoma.

This device will greatly increase the ability of fluent speakers to share their knowledge.

"A fluent speaker can be asleep in one part of the country, but still be teaching 25 students in another," Thornton, a Cherokee citizen, said.

When Joshua Hinson, Director of Chickasaw Studies, heard of the Phraselator LC, he knew it could be a critical tool in the Chickasaw Nation's language preservation effort.

"The Phraselator will be invaluable when it comes to accessing the Chickasaw Language," he said.

During the week of July 15, the staff of Chickasaw Studies assisted several Ada and Tishomingo area fluent speakers in recording approximately 1,400 words, phrases and other items onto the software.

Luther John was eager to archive the words and phrases that might be fading from the memories of fluent speakers.

"We included words that I hadn't used in so long that I had to use the dictionary," he said.

Also involved in the recordings were Stanley Smith, JoAnn Ellis, Jerry Imotichey, Rose Jefferson and Vera Tims. Chickasaw Studies hopes the variety of fluent speakers recorded will make for a more comprehensive database of the language.

The program also encourages any fluent speaker to contact Chickasaw Studies and become involved in this project

Once only used as advanced military technology, the device is now available to Native American tribes across the United States and Canada. This availability was made possible by Thornton Media, Inc. and its 18-month effort to show the Phraselator's potential role in the movement to revitalize endangered indigenous languages.

Chickasaw Studies employee Christine Worcester helps Senior Language Master Stanley Smith record familial phrases into the Phraselator LC database.

"These languages really are national treasures," said Thornton. "If we don't do something, they'll all be wiped out."

The device is slightly larger than the handset of a home telephone and can easily hold 20,000 to 30,000 words, phrases, songs, stories and videos. More data can be stored on interchangeable memory cards.

The recordings will go on the 23 Phraselator LC devices that will be distributed to outlying Chickasaw Nation community councils. Two have been set aside for use as reference in Ada at the Chickasaw Studies office, 410 E. 10th Street, and at the Tribal Library, 1003 Chamber Loop.

Chickasaw Studies hopes to purchase more in the future and place them at area offices across the service area.

The department plans to keep refining and expanding the language on the Phraselator LC over time.

"This technology is amazing, because you can add to it or change it at anytime," Hinson said.

For more information on the Phraselator LC, visit www.ndnlanguage.com.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Tribe working to build master-apprentice language sharing

The Phraselator LC joins a host of different programs the Chickasaw Nation offers that focuses on the Chickasaw language. Language preservation and revitalization programs develop curriculum to aid in the teaching of Chickasaw citizens and the community the importance of the language as well as methods for learning Chickasaw as a second language.

The Master/Apprentice program works to develop new fluent Chickasaw speakers by pairing apprentice-level speakers with master speakers, creating an immersion learning environment. Chickasaw youth have the opportunity to be surrounded by the language in the form of various camps, flashcards and activities that encourage them to learn Chickasaw words and phrases.

Using the Phraselator LC, the Chickasaw Studies program hopes to help citizens at-large to gain the ability to initiate similar programs among their own communities.

This Fall, two representatives from each outlying Chickasaw Nation Community Council will attend Phraselator LC training in Ada, Okla. These representatives will receive technical training on how the Phraselator LC works as well as training on teaching methods for the Chickasaw language using the device.

"This language is a birthright for all Chickasaw citizens," Hinson said. "It shouldn't matter where they live."

For more information, contact Josh Hinson at (580) 272-5310 or joshua.hinson@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw kids learning our language with help of fun events

The Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli (children speaking Chickasaw) language club is enjoying activities during theme-related meetings each month.

Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli is a Chickasaw language club for children up to the age of nine. The club focuses on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life. Each month the club meets to learn the Chickasaw language and incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

During Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meetings, children learn to speak the Chickasaw language, take exciting field trips, do arts and crafts and learn Chickasaw culture and history. Children are encouraged to speak the language while participating in the activities and during everyday conversations.

Each meeting focuses on monthly themes such as Fishing Fun Day in June and Chickasaw Dance Fun Day conducted in July.

Club meetings are one Saturday each month and open to any child up to the age of nine interested in learning Chickasaw language.

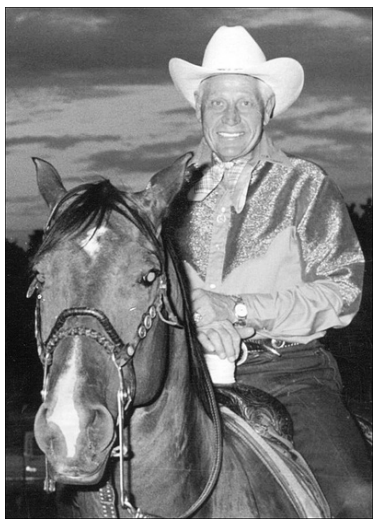
The next Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli language club meeting is Swimming Fun Day on Saturday, August 23 at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center in Ada.

For more information, visit www.chickasaw.net/cca or contact Chenae Lippard at (580) 436-0877 or chenae.lippard@chickasaw.net.

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.

Jordan Stick of Ada displays his catch of the day during the Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli Fishing Fun Day on June 28 at the Ada Elks Lodge Lake.

Ken Lance rodeo scholarship established at Southeastern State



Ken Lance

A rodeo scholarship has been established at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, in memory of a Chickasaw entertainer, promoter and cowboy.

The Ken Lance and Ruth Lance Wester Endowed Scholarship for Rodeo was officially established last month with the unveiling of a portrait on the SEOSU campus.

The late Ken Lance was a trick roper, all-around cowboy and rodeo promoter who graduated from Durant High School in 1946. He received numerous trophy belt buckles over the years. He was the Southwestern Rodeo Association champion calf roper, 1961; Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo champion calf roper, 1961; first steer-roping champion at Stratford, Okla., 1971; Rodeo Man of the Year Short Grass Rodeo News, 1979; and was named Committee Man of the Year by the Women's Professional Rodeo Association, 1980.

A Chickasaw citizen, Mr. Lance was proud of his Indian heritage and in 1998 was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. He died in 2006.

In 1964, Mr. Lance built the Ken Lance Sports Arena at Union Valley between Ada and Stonewall. The arena hosted numerous rodeo greats including Roy Cooper, Ty Murray, Jim Shoulders, Larry Mahan, Freckles Brown, Sue Pirtle and Martha Arthur Josey. Many Country music stars performed, and even got their starts, at the Sports Arena. These performers included Reba McEntire, Loretta Lynn, Red Steagall, Willie Nelson, Susie McEntire (Luchsinger) and Pake McEntire.

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Tribal net assets up over 13% since beginning of fiscal year

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending June 30, 2008

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $67.3 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $4.8 million for the month and $42.1 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $92.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for June totaled $63 million and $548 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $22 million for the month and $181 year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $61 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At June 30, 2008, the tribal government funds had $94 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $12.4 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $231 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of June 30, 2008, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $871 million with $185 million in payables resulting in net assets of $685 million compared to $604 million at September 30, 2007or an increase of $81 million from, the end of fiscal year 2007.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2008

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$ 3,450,537	548,549,513	552,000,050
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	67,645,902	(67,645,902)	-
Total funds available	71,096,439	480,903,611	552,000,050
Expenditures			
General government	6,644,414		6,644,414
Legislature	1,180,369		1,180,369
Judiciary	604,234		604,234
Education	7,631,042		7,631,042
Heritage Preservation	2,515,612		2,515,612
Health	8,333,076		8,333,076
Youth and Family Services	4,309,358		4,309,358
Nutrition Programs	2,258,725		2,258,725
Regulatory	3,789,443		3,789,443
Assistance Programs	4,890,759		4,890,759
Transfer to Loan Program	-		-
Gaming expense		293,920,037	293,920,037
Other businesses' expense		125,773,776	125,773,776
Total expenditures	42,157,033	419,693,813	461,850,845
Increase in net assets	28,939,407	61,209,798	90,149,205
Beginning net assets	241,002,527	354,399,938	595,402,465
Ending net assets	$ 269,941,934	415,609,736	685,551,670

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2008

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$ 94,950,921	231,410,251	326,361,171
Receivables	1,074,645	18,534,476	19,609,120
Inventory		5,350,355	5,350,355
Prepaid expenses		12,286,262	12,286,262
Other Assets		28,668,830	28,668,830
Fixed assets	174,223,629	304,546,432	478,770,061
Less payables	(307,259)	(185,186,870)	(185,494,129)
Net Assets	$ 269,941,934	415,609,736	685,551,670

Tribal commerce expanding across lines of business

By BRIAN CAMPBELL
Administrator
Division of Commerce

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce is working on a number of projects that have tremendous potential to positively impact the tribe's economic position in coming years.

Perhaps the most exciting of these projects is the expansion of WinStar World Casinos in Thackerville, Oklahoma. The expansion project, which began last summer, will nearly double the size of the existing WinStar facility. When the expansion is complete, WinStar will be among the top five largest casinos in the world with roughly 6,000 electronic games. As many as 1,000 new employees will be required to support the expanded facility. The hiring process for the additional workforce is already under way.

Along with the expansion, WinStar will also receive a dramatic facelift. The expanded facility will be surrounded by a new façade designed to replicate prominent buildings and landmarks found in exotic cities around the world. Visitors will see replicas of London's Parliament Building, the Roman Coliseum and the Arc d' Triumph from Paris. The same international theme will be incorporated throughout the casino offering patrons a sense and spirit of adventure. The expansion will transform WinStar into the most unique and exciting casino property outside of Las Vegas, creating a major destination point for tourists throughout the South-central United States.

Many exciting promotions are under way throughout the Chickasaw Nation's 17 casinos and gaming centers. The WinStar World Championship Series of Poker and Black Jack (WWCS) is receiving national and international attention. The Commerce Division's marketing department has created two reality TV shows centered on players competing in the ongoing WWCS poker and blackjack tournaments. On June 14, "The River" and "The Split," began airing in 90 million homes nationwide and in eight countries. Both shows have been a tremendous success and are already ranked number one in their time slots in two major TV markets: Dallas and Chicago. *Food Network's* Michelle Merkin and reality TV star Boston Rob from the *Survivor* and *Amazing Race* series are hosts of "The Split." Poker greats Greg Raymer and Annie Duke provide commentary for "The River."

WinStar Golf Course is also winning compliments at local and national levels. WinStar was recently nominated for Best New Public Course by *Golf Digest* and is continuing to gain recognition in Southern Oklahoma and North Texas as a challenging and fun course for golfers of all skill levels. This summer, WinStar will host two major Native American golfing events: the Native American National Junior Championship (August 17-19) featuring the nation's top Native American junior golfers, and the First Nations Open Championship (August 19-21) which features over 40 Native American Professional golfers.

In Goldsby, Oklahoma, Riverwind Casino has proven to be a favorite entertainment destination for many Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma City metro area residents. Riverwind recently received the Readers' Choice Award from *The Oklahoman* newspaper for best casino in the Oklahoma City metro. This summer, Riverwind will host the U.S. Open of the Women's Professional Billiards Association. World renowned players such as Dawn Hopkins, Melissa Little, Allison Fisher and Jennifer Chen will compete in the Showplace Theater from July 30 – August 3. ESPN will provide 7 hours of live coverage for the event this year.

The awards and accolades garnered by the Chickasaw Nation's tribal businesses are in large part a direct result of our employees and their efforts to achieve excellence in customer service. As competition among Oklahoma casinos heats up, exceptional customer service will be essential as we continue to improve our position in the gaming market. For this reason, the Division of Commerce has

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increased its focus on employee training and development by establishing a comprehensive training program throughout the organization. The Division of Commerce now provides quality training opportunities for our more than 6,000 employees with four training centers offering 36 classes in areas such as leadership/management, customer service, cultural awareness, operational and technical skills training.

The Division of Commerce is also utilizing technology to increase efficiency and gain a competitive advantage over other gaming businesses. Behind the scenes, the Division of Commerce Information Technology Department has been working diligently to build the infrastructure that will carry our tribal businesses well into the future. This backbone of technology consists of a disaster recovery plan and systems, as well as state of the art payroll, accounting and casino management applications that are capable of supporting our businesses as they continue to grow. Our current technology infrastructure is on par with that of many other major Casino companies throughout the world. Initiatives are also under way to utilize technology to streamline our accounting and human resource processes, resulting in greater efficiency and tremendous cost savings. In addition, the Division of Commerce is also developing systems to improve the speed and flow of information to our managers, allowing us to respond quickly to economic and competitive changes.

Another area in which the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce is striving to be an industry leader is environmental efficiency. The Division of Commerce recently signed a groundbreaking Environmental Sustainability Partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This agreement, the first of its kinds between the agency and a sovereign nation, enables Commerce to work directly with EPA scientists and engineers in the U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development. These researchers have developed technologies and procedures designed to reduce the consumption of materials and energy in a casino environment. Access to this technology and information will eventually result in substantial cost savings while reducing the impact of our businesses on our precious natural resources.

In support of Governor Anoatubby's vision of economic diversification, the Commerce Division has been exploring numerous business opportunities in emerging markets. Tribal delegations have recently traveled to China and Taiwan to investigate potential opportunities for existing tribal businesses with gaming, health care and the export of Bedre products. Chinese and Taiwanese officials have also traveled to Ada as part of these on-going talks to determine if there are opportunities for international partnerships. In addition to exploring new markets for our existing services, the Division of Commerce is also pursuing increased economic diversification by developing new businesses in areas where we have already proven to be successful including energy, healthcare, media and entertainment production, and commercial real estate management.

Since 2002, the Chickasaw Nation's gaming businesses have consistently achieved returns matching or exceeding those of other acknowledged industry leaders such as Harrahs, Las Vegas Sands, and the Mohegan Sun. In fact, Chickasaw Nation facilities lead the industry in several important business performance indicators including: return on invested capital (ROI), operating profit margin, net profit margin, revenue to assets ratio (ROA) and operating income per employee.

In every endeavor, everyone at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce remains focused on our mission to enhance the lives of Chickasaws by generating sustainable revenue to fund essential tribal services such as health care, housing, senior citizens programs, youth and family programs, and to help provide educational and employment opportunities for Chickasaw citizens.

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Education programs designed to instruct and inspire

By LISA JOHN
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From childhood education to adult learning, the Division of Education strives to meet the best educational needs for Chickasaw citizens. Over the past few years the Child Care, Head Start, Education Services and Vocational Rehabilitation education departments have continued to maintain and create services impacting thousands of individuals throughout each program.

Impacting hundreds of children a year, the Child Care department's mission is to focus on children's total growth and development. Child Care currently serves 86 percent Native Americans, with 53 percent being Chickasaw. Child Care has a waiting list of 277 children with construction under way on the new Ada Child Development Center scheduled to open spring 2009. The new Child Care Center is a learning center and will accommodate 250 children from six weeks to four years of age. With nursery rhyme décor, the center will help stimulate creative imaginations and provide a positive learning environment for children at different developmental levels.

With the goal of creating a decrease in employee absenteeism due to parents missing work for ill children, the Ada Sick Child Care Center was completed in January 2008. This state-of-the-art facility provides a safe and healthy environment for mildly ill children and ensures well children have limited contact with ill children.

In partnership with the horticulture department and Chickasaw Studies, a gardening program was recently implemented within the Child Care and Head Start departments. The program teaches children Chickasaw heritage, culture and language by introducing crops grown by Chickasaw ancestors. It provides hands-on opportunities for children to learn how food is produced and the responsibilities of planting and watering crops. Children at the Ada Child Care Development Center are participating in the program and Head Start children will begin the program in September.

Head Start, one of the most rewarding departments, is a family-oriented comprehensive child development program that addresses children's needs in all areas of physical, emotional and cognitive development. Six Head Start facilities within tribal

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boundaries enroll 256 children each school year with waiting lists in the Ada and Ardmore Head Starts facilities. Smart Boards were implemented into regular class activity in 2006. Using Smart Board technology, Head Start students are introduced to computer technology prior to kindergarten.

Through the education services department, almost 3,000 students received scholarships, grants and awards during the 2007-08 school term. Higher education funding has increased from $845,000 in 2001 to more than $8 million for the 2008 fiscal year. Summer semester funding began in 2006 with 340 students served. This summer 588 students received higher education funding.

An astounding 50 students received the Governor's Scholarship, the top academic scholarship for high school seniors, for the 2007-08 school year. To obtain the Governor's Scholarship, students must maintain at least a 3.95 grade point average. This scholarship had the most recipients of all scholarships awarded.

Reaching out to other continuing education needs, the Tribal Vo-Tech program is available to part-time and full-time Chickasaw students attending or interested in attending a state or nationally accredited vocational facility. The program has continued to grow over the past few years. In 2007, Career Technology grants funded 173 citizens and for 2008 the program has currently funded 281 citizens, providing more than $411,000 in total grant funds. Through license and certification grants, the number of citizens funded continues to remain steady by reaching an estimated 25 citizens a year spending more than $9,500. Clothing grants are on the rise for 2008 funding 54 citizens and spending $21,600, up from 39 citizens funded in 2007.

Education services recently introduced the Math, Science and Technology program by sponsoring interactive science activities through For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST), an international organization that inspires students to become science and technology leaders. The program focuses on sparking student interests in math, science and technology career areas. The Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy, Space Camp, FIRST Robotics, FIRST LEGO League and FIRST Junior LEGO League fall under this program.

In efforts to preserve the Chickasaw language, Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli (Children speaking Chickasaw) language club meetings were implemented in 2007. The meetings focus on monthly themes that introduce new Chickasaw words and phrases. The meetings are open to all children up to the age of nine with approximately 40 children participating each month.

With focus on collaborating with state and national agencies, the Internship program remains steady in providing students with valuable internship positions throughout the United States. The program accommodated 24 interns in 2007 and 2008. All 24 interns are currently pursuing degrees or have obtained successful employment. To date, students have interned in many agencies including the National Indian Health Board, the National Indian Gaming Commission, the Indian Health Service Office of Tribal Self-Governance, United States Senate offices and Chickasaw Nation offices.

Working hard to obtain or maintain successful employment for Native Americans with disabilities, Vocational Rehabilitation continues to be a success. Counselors and clients work closely to create individualized plans to help meet client needs for employment. Vocational Rehabilitation currently serves 169 Chickasaw citizens and 114 other Native Americans. Of those clients, 38 Chickasaw students are attending college with 11 attending vocational institutions.

For more information about the division of education and program offerings, call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

Youth clothing grant applications available

Applications for the Chickasaw Nation Youth Services Clothing Grant for the 2008-2009 academic year are now available.

The grant, funded by the Chickasaw Nation, assists eligible Chickasaw students by providing a $200 grant to purchase clothing for the school year. The grant is available from August 1, 2008 to February 6, 2009.

Chickasaw students ages three to 18 years are eligible. Children five to 18 must attend an accredited elementary or secondary educational program. Home school children participating in an accredited curriculum are also eligible.

The Youth Services Clothing Grant Application is available for download at www.chickasaw.net, and must be completed in its entirety. The application is also available in person or by mail at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth & Family Services building, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, Okla. 74820, phone (580) 272-5585.

All students who received a clothing grant for the 2007-2008 will receive an application in the mail.

The application must document full-time student status with verification by a representative of the school administration. Only original, signed applications will be accepted. Faxed or electronic copies cannot be processed for awards.

All applications must be accompanied by a Chickasaw Nation citizenship card for applicants over the age of 12 or a citizenship certificate for applicants under the age of 12.

Awards will be delivered by certified mail through the U.S. Postal Service and all applicants should allow three to four weeks for processing.

Grants will be provided in the form of a re-useable VISA gift card, and will be awarded once per school year. The card now has a five-year expiration date, no inactivity fee assessment and the card balance is now available on-line.

This year marks the fourth school year the grant has been awarded to Chickasaw students throughout the world.

For questions or additional information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Department of Youth Services by calling (580) 272-5585 or by email at clothinggrantprogram@chickasaw.net.

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From baseball diamond to battlefield

Chickasaw veteran left potential pro career to join fight

A few short months after Charlie Wells left the baseball fields of Oklahoma, he moved onto battlefields in the Philippines.

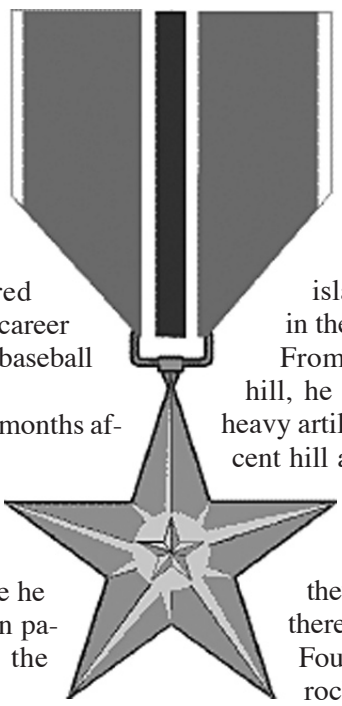
It was a move that would forever change his life.

Mr. Wells was such a standout player on his Elgin, Oklahoma high school baseball team that the superintendent of the school told him he could get a scholarship to play college baseball. That scholarship would also enable him to receive a deferment which would keep him from serving in the military.

Mr. Wells turned down the offer, chosing instead to enlist in the military and fight in World War II, just as his friends had.

"When the war broke out – in that little town I lived in everybody went in, period – just nothing but old people left," said Mr. Wells.

Before he left, a scout for the St. Louis Cardinals assured Mr. Wells the club would be anxiously waiting for him to try out when he had finished his tour of duty.



But bullets that pierced his forearm and shattered his ankle also shattered any dreams of a career as a professional baseball player.

Less than four months after enlisting in the U.S. Army, Sgt. Wells was stationed on Mindanao, where he regularly went on patrol to seek out the enemy.

It was on one of those patrols when an enemy machine gunner in a tree spotted his patrol first.

Sgt. Wells was hit in the right forearm and left ankle by machine gun fire.

"When it hit me in the ankle I went about 10 feet in the air and turned a somersault," he said.

He took shelter behind a log and used his belt as a tourniquet to stop the blood that was spurting out of his arm "like a fountain."

When he examined his leg, he dared not take his boot off, because it appeared to be the only thing holding his foot to his leg.

Sgt. Wells desperately wanted to help the other men in his unit who were crying and screaming out for help.

But every time he tried to move, a burst of gunfire from the enemy machine gunner stationed in a nearby tree sent bark and splinters flying from the log that provided his only shelter.

Sgt. Wells waited until dark, getting ever weaker from loss of blood.

When night fell, he would crawl until he lost consciousness and awake to crawl a bit more.

After crawling what seemed like half a mile or more, he awoke in the morning to find he had only managed to move about 20 feet.

Medics found him that morning and treated him for his wounds.

Before that tragic injury, Sgt. Wells had led a dangerous mission for which he was awarded a Bronze Star.

Sgt. Wells, a member of the Army's 41st Infantry Division, was stationed at an outpost on the island of Zamboanga in the Philippines.

From that outpost on a hill, he witnessed ongoing heavy artillery fire on an adjacent hill as the Allies battled the Filipino guerrillas.

"Every night they were shootin' over there. It looked like the Fourth of July with the rockets going up," he said.

While there, his captain came to report that a plane had crashed behind enemy lines while scouting the position of the guerillas.

Sgt. Wells volunteered to lead a mission to rescue the downed pilot.

He and three others first began to hack their way through the jungle with machetes. They quickly realized the noise would give away their position to enemy troops who might be in the area.

Instead, they followed animal

Charlie Wells

trails through the jungle, being careful to secure any loose gear to avoid any unnecessary noise.

After moving stealthily through the jungle for most of two days, they encountered the scratched and bruised pilot. Thinking he was no longer behind enemy lines, the pilot was whistling happily as he made his way through the jungle.

Sgt. Wells and his buddies quickly tackled the pilot to keep him quiet.

Moving slowly and carefully, the group brought the pilot safely to the outpost. It took the group three days to rescue the pilot, who had gone down three to four miles behind enemy lines.

While the heroic mission qualified Sgt. Wells for a Bronze Star, he did not receive the medal for nearly six decades, because his records, along with many others, were destroyed in a fire.

Maj. Laura Wells, a granddaughter of Sgt. Wells, pursued the matter until Sgt. Wells received the honor he was due.

Finally, 59 years after the end of the war, she personally awarded the Bronze Star to her grandfather for his heroic acts.

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Hall of Fame set for Aug. 21

Winchester Colbert, Ray Gene McCarter, Juanita Tate and Gene Underwood will be inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame 6:30 p.m. August 21 at Riverwind Casino.

Lisa Billy, a Chickasaw who represents District 41 in the Oklahoma House, will serve as master of ceremonies for the banquet event.

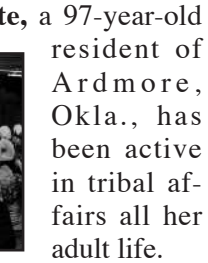
Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will participate in the induction ceremonies.

"It is a privilege to honor these individuals who have made such important contributions to the Chickasaw Nation and to the larger community," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Winchester Colbert

Winchester Colbert distinguished himself as a tribal leader and diplomat during tumultuous times in the mid 19th century.

Ray Gene McCarter has served as a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives since 1996. As Representative of District 51, he has served as Assistant Majority Floor Leader.



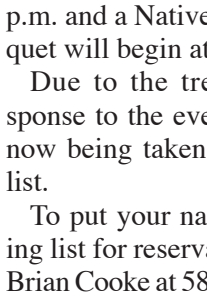
Ray McCarter

Juanita Tate, a 97-year-old resident of Ardmore, Okla., has been active in tribal affairs all her adult life.

Juanita Tate

Gene Underwood served three terms as a member of the Chickasaw legislature from 1983 through 1992.

Mr. Underwood, Mrs. Tate, Rep. McCarter are scheduled to be present to accept their awards. Family members are expected to accept the award on behalf of Mr. Colbert.



Gene Underwood

Hall of Fame inductees will make a red carpet entrance at 6 p.m. and a Native Themed banquet will begin at 6:30.

Due to the tremendous response to the event, names are now being taken for a waiting list.

To put your name on a waiting list for reservations, contact Brian Cooke at 580-559-0781 or email brian.cooke@chickasaw.net.

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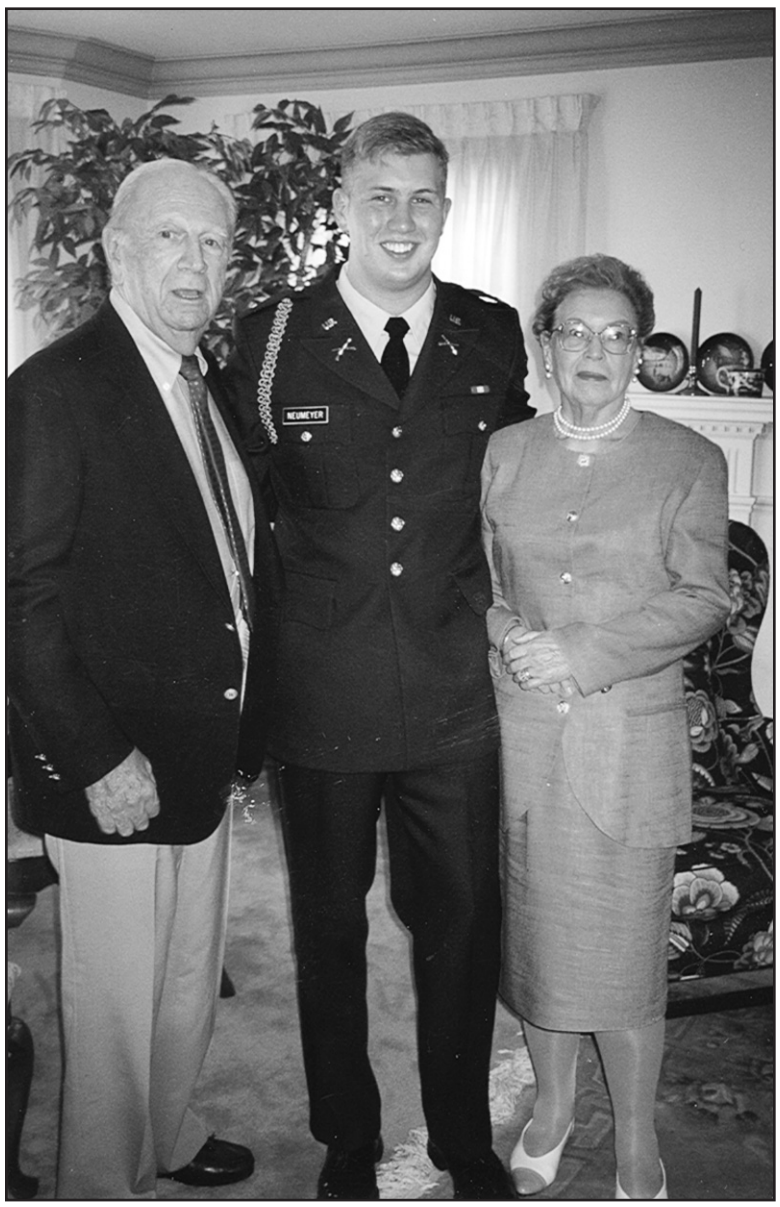
Chickasaw officer connects with heritage while in Iraq



U.S. Army Maj. Matthew Neumeyer with his grandparents, Paul and Buena Van Dam.

U.S. Army Major Matthew Neumeyer, a Chickasaw who has served two tours of duty in Iraq, said he felt the strongest connection with the tribe as a result of that service.

While stationed in Iraq, Maj. Neumeyer received a package of supplies from the Chickasaw Nation. He also began receiving emails from the late Chickasaw elder Sophie Perry, who told him more of his family history.

He said the acts of kindness were very significant.

"Growing up, we were always aware of our heritage," he said. "It was always very important. My mother made sure we were aware of that."

While he had always considered himself Chickasaw, Maj. Neumeyer said he wondered if he "measured up" because he had grown up in Michigan and had not been able to participate in tribal activities.

The emails and other contacts "meant a lot" he said, because "you considered me a Chickasaw."

Along with toiletries and letters and pictures from school kids, the package also contained a "Chickasaw Adventures" comic book.

"I kept it and brought it home and our kids read it," he said. "It was a fantastic introduction for my kids."

During his first tour of duty, Maj. Neumeyer, then a captain, was part of the initial invasion of Iraq.

He received a Bronze Star for Valor for leading B Company, nicknamed the "Bulls," in five separate fights over 21 days.

That tour lasted from January to July 2003.

"We were there to defeat the forces of Iraq," he said. "That was our main focus. After we had done that, we shifted for a few months. We were in Baghdad trying to provide security, trying to get things back up. As history will show, that effort was a lot more difficult than anticipated."

In his second tour, a full year beginning in March 2005, he was involved in training the Iraqi national police force.

"It was a very interesting, very rewarding experience," he said. "Very hard at times. Very difficult at times. But rewarding - you got to see the fruits of your labor a lot more."

Part of that experience was the opportunity to convey some important aspects of Chickasaw culture to the Iraqi officers.

While the Iraqis were patriotic, the idea of placing the good of the nation above their own personal goals was a somewhat foreign concept.

The American officers and men were able to help the Iraqi men understand the concept by explaining every citizen should be treated as if they were members of their own family.

"In that year we watched them grow leaps and bounds. It was very rewarding," he said. "What we came to find is that while culture matters a lot – it helps form how a person sees life, and experiences life – when it comes down to it sometimes people are people no matter where they are."

After his second tour of duty, Maj. Neumeyer returned to the United States for the second time.

"When you come back, that's probably the greatest feeling you have," he said.

He has been attending school at the school of advanced military studies at the combined arts center in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas since his return in 2006.

During that time, he has been able to enjoy spending time with his family.

"The simple things give you a great amount of simple joy," he said. "I was very grateful for the last two years because there were many soldiers that are going back in less than a year or just around a year.

"I know soldiers who are now in their third or fourth tours. I've only gone twice. Those are the guys who are doing the hard work."

Maj. Neumeyer expects to begin his third tour of duty soon as a staff officer with the 101st Airborne air assault division in Afghanistan.

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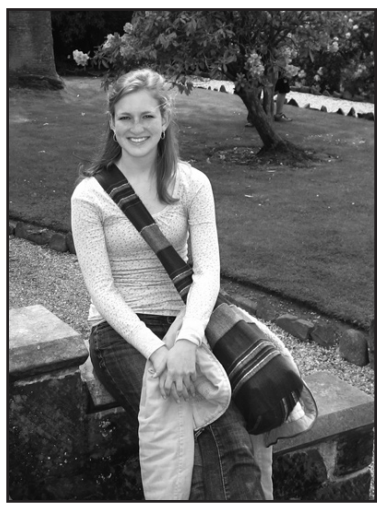
Chickasaw college student takes 'globalization' efforts in stride



Chickasaw college student Julia Greenlee spent last semester studying abroad at University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

One Chickasaw student is determined to make the benefits she receives from her tribe go beyond the classroom.

Julia Greenlee of Cyprus, Texas has adopted a "pay it forward" mentality by spending her college years helping others, traveling and learning about other cultures.

Miss Greenlee has received aid numerous times from the Chickasaw Nation during her college career.

"Education costs money!" she said.

"There is so much to pay for that has nothing to do with a classroom. I couldn't have done all of this without the generosity that the Chickasaw Nation has shown to me through their scholarship programs."

A senior philosophy major at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, Miss Greenlee spent last semester studying abroad at University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

"Those four months were among the best of my life," she said.

She said the trip solidified her belief that underneath it all, we're all human.

"It was just great to be among people who seem opposite of me in so many ways," she said, "yet inside their hearts are the same."

Miss Greenlee studied philosophy at the historic and picturesque St. Andrews, Scotland's oldest university.

During the semester, she had the opportunity to travel throughout Europe, visiting England, Italy, France and Spain.

The semester abroad was just the latest in Miss Greenlee's global endeavors. The summer after her sophomore year, she went with 17 other Baylor students to Kenya, where she worked in orphanages, built homes for teen girls and helped increase awareness of AIDS.

"It was crazy," she said, "everything looked a lot like it did in the Lion King movie!"

While in Africa, she had the opportunity to spend a few days in Maasai Mara, a large park reserve in southwest Kenya. She participated in a safari and met the minister of the Maasai tribe. Later this month, she plans to travel to Costa Rica where she will assist in the construction of a new church.

On top of her work in other countries, Miss Greenlee and her church, Lakewood United Methodist in Houston, work every summer on a home construction and repair mission project in different areas of Texas.

Miss Greenlee plans to graduate in May of next year. She is the daughter of James and Janet Greenlee, of Cypress, Texas.

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Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home. If you know of a Chickasaw you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the public affairs department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

Lt. Gov. Keel, U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, serves as master of ceremonies

Moving Wall Vietnam memorial stops in Tishomingo

Mike McKee

Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel views the Moving Wall. Lt. Gov. Keel served as master of ceremonies during the wall's presentation in Tishomingo, Okla.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel served as master of ceremonies during opening ceremonies of the Moving Wall exhibit at Tishomingo High School on June 27.

The Moving Wall is a traveling one-half sized replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Wall has toured the country for more than 20 years, giving Americans the opportunity to pay respects to the veterans of the Vietnam War.

Lt. Gov. Keel is a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

"There is a great price that all of our veterans have paid. Without them, our way of life would cease to exist," Lt. Gov. Keel, a Tishomingo native, said.

"If you ever felt that you were all alone, let me tell you that you are not alone," Lt. Gov. Keel said.

Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jeri Askins was the featured speaker. She told those gathered that the day was "an opportunity for us to reflect, to rekindle and to respond."

The wall stretched the entire length of the Tishomingo High School football field.

Wreaths were laid in remembrance of those who served in both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and the current operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The ceremony began with a flag parade and posting of colors by the Patriot Guard motorcycle group and concluded with the playing of 'Taps" and a flyover by a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter.

After the ceremony, the crowd was able to visit the Wall.

Veteran Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Roy Rogers, of Davis, Okla., seized the opportunity to see the wall.

"I found some names I knew, and ones I didn't even know where there, he said.

"It makes the hair on your neck stand up."

Rogers fought in Vietnam more than 40 years ago and had never viewed the memorial.

Many people took the opportunity to use a pencil and paper to make tracings of names on the wall.

Several Chickasaw Nation elders attended the service, riding one of many buses from area senior sites. Students from the Chickasaw Nation Upward Bound program at Murray State College also attended.

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Mike McKee

Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Doug Brinson (kneeling) makes an imprint of a name on the Moving Wall in Tishomingo as Trooper Roy Rogers, a Vietnam Veteran, looks on.

Students in touch with culture at tribal library

Ada area students were immersed in the Chickasaw culture during the 2008 Children's Summer Library Program hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Libraries, Archives and Collections.

"It seemed as though each kid had their favorite day," said Jessica Conley, Chickasaw Library assistant. "Everybody got something out of the program."

The program began with a look back into lives of Chickasaws of the past. Steven Bond, tribal ethnobotanist, studies the relationship that exists between plants and culture, specifically the Chickasaws. During his presentation, he shared examples of the different strains of corn that have been used as a food source for the Chickasaw people in the past.

On the second and third days, tribal employees Michael Cornelius and Elizabeth Brewer were on hand to instruct the children on finger weaving and flute making.

The program's finale included a performance by the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe and make-and-take shell shakers.

Library assistant Jessica Conley assists Jesse Clark in assembling his shell shaker at the Children's Summer Library Program hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Libraries, Archives and Collections July 14-17.

Samantha Chapman, an eight-year-old from Ada, enjoyed using tin cans to imitate the shell shakers worn by the Dance Troupe members.

"This was my favorite day," she said, "and I hope my shell shakers are the loudest out of everybody's."

Conley said that the program generated some interest in the library itself.

"A lot of the children have already come back in to check out books and do research," she said.

The Chickasaw Library is located at 1003 Chamber Loop. For more information on the library or future programs, contact Conley at (580) 310-6477.

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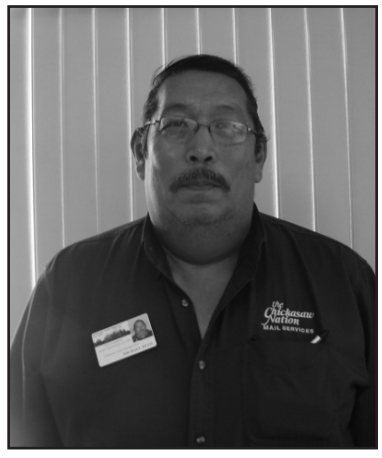
Guard member regards group as second family



Mike Reed

Mike Reed, Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard, joins a long list of members who consider the Guard as family.

"We look out for one another," he said, "I can call any one of them at any time."

Mr. Reed joined the Honor Guard six years ago and now serves as the vice president.

He was born in Talihina, Okla. and attended McLish schools, graduating in 1969.

A few months after finishing high school, Mr. Reed decided to enlist in the Army.

"I had always had a love of traveling," he said, "and I figured that the Army would be a good opportunity to do some traveling and to serve my country."

After basic training in Fort Ord, California, Mr. Reed headed for Vietnam. He also served in Germany before being stationed stateside at Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and Fort Lewis, Washington for a combined 17 years.

When he retired in 1991, hMr. Reed worked at Georgia Pacific Paper Company for five years before heading back to Oklahoma.

"All my family was here," he said, "and I'd been away for a long time."

It was at this time that he began working for the Chickasaw Nation as a property clerk. He now serves as the tribe's mail service coordinator.

When he's not working or fulfilling his duties as Honor Guard Vice President, Reed enjoys bowling and golfing.

He and his wife Brenda live in Fittstown (OK) and have four children and one grandchild.

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Citizen finds, turns in envelope of greenbacks

Making the right choice is not always the easy choice

Chickasaw citizen Gary Brown, Ardmore, Okla., recently set a good example for others when he discovered - and returned - a large sum of cash.

Mr. Brown, who works in the Facilities and Support Division of the tribe, was working on an addition at the new Sulphur area office. He made a stop at the Gordon White Lumber Company, in Sulphur, to pick up more supplies.

"Making good choices, that's what it's all about."
-Gary Brown, Chickasaw citizen

He noticed some paper crumpled against the curb and stopped to pick it up.

It turned out to be an envelope full of cash.

"I didn't think it was an envelope," he said. "I just thought it was a piece of paper."

But, Mr. Brown didn't stop to count the cash.

"I just knew it was a lot of money," he said.

He began looking for the envelope's rightful owner.

"I went out to the lumber yard and asked if anyone had lost any money. I knew I had to do something with it, so I gave it to the clerk."

The clerk locked the envelope in a safe after Mr. Brown wrote his name and phone number on it.

Three Chickasaw Nation Summer youth workers who were with Mr. Brown witnessed his good deed.

"Making good choices, that's what it's all about," Mr. Brown said.

He also told the boys to always be aware of their surroundings, "because you never know what you are going to find."

Travis Upshaw, store manager, said after Mr. Brown turned the money in, store employees were concerned about the fate of the person who lost it.

"It was more than a month's pay," he said.

When the rightful owner discovered the money was missing, he began retracing his steps until he made his way to the lumber yard.

He had made many stops from his hometown in Ada before coming to the lumber yard.

"We were his last stop," Mr. Upshaw said. "You could tell he was stressed."

Store employees made the man detail how much cash was in the envelope, plus the bank information contained on the envelope.

When the owner came to the lumber yard to retrieve his money, which totaled about $1,200, he left Mr. Brown a reward.

And, it all happened on Friday, June 13.

"Something good happened on Friday the 13th," said Upshaw.

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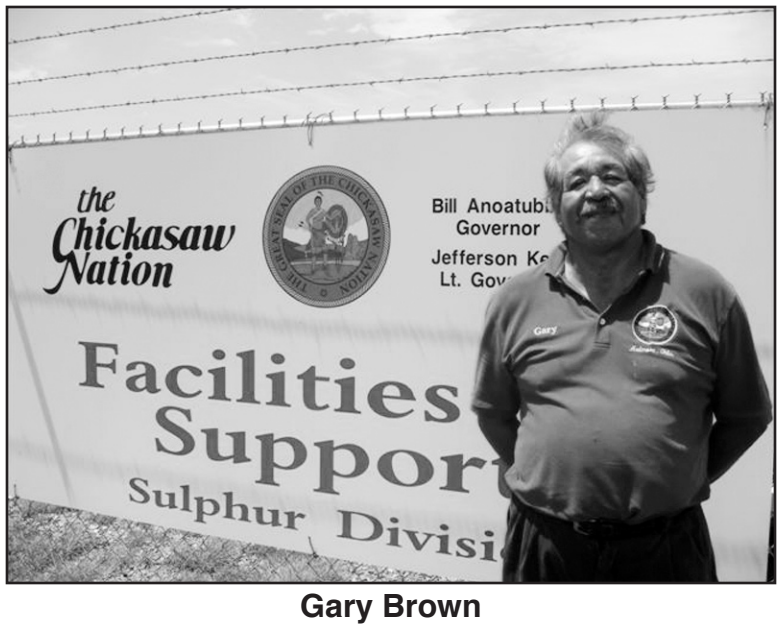

Gary Brown

'Injunuity' features Indian musicians and a sound gaining ground

Injunuity members Jeff Carpenter, James Monroe, and Brad Clonch perform in traditional ribbon shirts made by Chickasaw elder Ms. Pauline Brown.

A unique band with several Chickasaw Nation connections is gaining attention throughout the music world.

Injunuity band members Brad Clonch, Jeff Carpenter, James Monroe and Ashton Booth, are making a splash in a growing new genre of music - Native American rock.

The band features Clonch (Mississippi Choctaw) performing a native flute and keyboards; Carpenter, a Chickasaw, on the guitar and alto sax; Chickasaw James Monroe plays bass and trumpet; Ashton Booth is drummer; and Chickasaw Robbie Blair plays bass guitar and serves as sound engineer.

The band primarily composes its own songs which are described as a "combination of traditional and modern themes."

The band's first appearance was the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame, August 2007. In the short year since, they have made several crowd-pleasing appearances and are being considered for a Native American Music Award (NAMMY).

The 10th annual NAMMY awards are scheduled for October 4 in Seneca, New York. The NAMMY finalists will be announced August 1, and public voting on the finalist begins Aug. 4 at www.nativeamericanmusicawards.com and continues until Oct. 4.

The group received worldwide exposure when it was featured on the XM satellite radio station channel 76 "Fine Tuning."

Arlie Kendall, of XM radio, described Injunuity as "a brand new group that might change the way you look at flute music."

The group cut an EP entitled "Unconquered" last fall and have received good feedback on both the CD and their live shows.

"The crowds have accepted it because it is something different," said Brad Clonch. "It is part of our culture and history.

"It has kind of pepped up young ears."

Last month, Injunuity entertained at the Oklahoma State Legislative Conference at the state capitol. This event had dignitaries from 11 states.

The group has also performed at Gathering of the Nations in Albuquerque, Red Earth in Oklahoma City, Return to Coldwater Festival in Tuscumbia, Alabama, the Cox Convention Center and Oklahoma History Center. They plan to play in September at Santa Fe's Native Roots and Rhythms Festival.

The band's ultimate goals include cutting a full length album, said Carpenter, and to win a NAMMY and a GRAMMY.

For more information about Injunuity, visit the band's web site at www.Injunuity.net.

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Fall scholarship and grant applications due September 1

Chickasaw Nation scholarships and grants for higher education are available to full-time and part-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral college students. Students must be Chickasaw and possess a Chickasaw citizenship card.

The scholarships and grants are intended to assist students by providing funding for tuition, fees and books for those pursuing a degree from an accredited institution of higher education. The field of study is not limited to a particular discipline.

The scholarship and grant application deadline for the fall semester is September 1. Spring semester deadline is February 1 and the summer semester deadline is June 15. For more information and to obtain required scholarship and grant applications, contact the higher education department at (580) 421-7711, deborah.hook@chickasaw.net or www.chickasaweducationservices.com.

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Annual Meeting and Festival set for September 27 - October 4

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Mark your calendars!

The 48th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 20th Annual Chickasaw Festival will be September 27 through October 4 in Tishomingo, Okla., historic capitol of the Chickasaw Nation. Events are also scheduled in Ada, the Kullihoma stomp grounds, and Sulphur.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will deliver the "State of the Nation" address during the Annual Meeting. The address will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, October 4 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College (MSC) in Tishomingo. "The Annual Meeting and Festival give all Chickasaws and our families and friends from across the nation an opportunity to gather and celebrate our culture and history," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Immediately following the "State of the Nation" address, hundreds will line Tishomingo's Main Street to enjoy the festival parade. The parade line-up includes bands from many area schools and floats representing a wide variety of organizations and children's groups from across southern Oklahoma.

A wide variety of exciting events for festival goers of all ages will be offered during the festival, including the Chickasaw traditional lunch on the MSC campus, cultural and Dance Troupe demonstrations on the capitol grounds, a Chickasaw artists' exhibition, the Band Day Extravaganza, Chickasaw White House tours, a horseshoe tournament and more.

Saturday's festival events and activities are conducted throughout Tishomingo on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw Capitol, Pennington Park, Murray State College campus, Johnston County Sports Complex and other venues. A gospel singing will take place Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the capitol ground's west lot. Local and professional singers and groups will be on stage to entertain.

Several events for kids and families are scheduled throughout festival week. These include the Chickasaw Princess Pageant in Ada, the Junior Olympics at Tishomingo High School, softball tournaments, a golf tournament at the new WinStar Golf Course, cultural tours and demonstrations at the capitol grounds, the Arts and Culture Awards ceremony, Youthful Celebration with new cultural make-and-take items, the senior arts and crafts sale, the JC Riding Club rodeo, and a Cultural Evening at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Other attractions for children include a petting zoo, pony rides and train rides in Pennington Park. The park will also have inflatable games and the Kids' Fun To Learn tent that includes face painting, crafts and several make-and-take projects. Children's activities are available Tuesday, Sept. 30 through Friday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 4 from noon to 5 p.m. A complete listing of events, locations and schedules is available below, and online at www.chickasaw.net.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Festival office at (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

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2008 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival schedule

EVENT	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Jr. Olympics	Tishomingo High School	Sept. 27	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC/JCSC	Sept. 27	9 a.m.-Until Finished
Golf Tournament	WinStar Golf Course	Sept. 27	2:45 p.m. – Until Finished
Chickasaw Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center	Sept. 29	6 p.m.
Cultural Tours, Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds	Sept. 30 –Oct. 3	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Kids' Fun to Learn Tent/Youthful Celebration	Pennington Park	Sept. 30-Oct. 3	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts & Crafts	Capitol Grounds	Oct. 1-4	9 a.m.-2 p.m. 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Arts and Culture Awards and Reception	Fletcher Auditorium/MSC	Oct. 2	6 p.m.
Cultural Evening activities begin	Chickasaw Cultural Center/Sulphur	Oct. 3	5:30 p.m.
Cultural Evening Meal and Gospel Singing	Chickasaw Cultural Center/Sulphur	Oct. 3	5:30 p.m.
Time Capsule Ceremony	Chickasaw Cultural Center/Sulphur	Oct. 3	8:30 p.m.
Gospel Singing	Capitol Grounds/West Lot	Oct. 4	2 pm – 4 p.m.
JC Riding Club Rodeo	Tee Pee Arena (Tishomingo)	Oct.3-4	8 p.m. – Until Finished
Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Womens & Mens)	Jo.Co.SportsComplex/ Tishomingo	Oct. 3-4	7 p.m. (Fri.)9 a.m. (Sat.)
Chickasaw Citizen Registration	Murray College/Student Center	Oct. 4	8 a.m.
Chickasaw Annual Meeting	Fletcher Auditorium- MSC	Oct. 4	9 a.m.-Until Finished
Southeastern Art Show and Market	Mickle and 9th Street	Oct. 3-4	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet	Oct. 4	11:30 a.m. – 5p.m.
Parade	Tishomingo Main Street	Oct. 4	11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Band Day Extravaganza	Tishomingo High School	Oct. 4	2 p.m. – Until Finished
Cultural Demonstrators	Capitol Grounds	Oct. 4	12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Chickasaw Lunch	MSC Campus	Oct. 4	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Pennington Park Activities Begin	Pennington Park	Oct. 4	12 p.m.–5 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament Registration	Pennington Park	Oct. 4	12 p.m.-12:45 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament	Pennington Park	Oct. 4	1 p.m.
Dance Troupe Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds	Oct. 4	1 p.m. –5 p.m.
Finals of Fast Pitch Tournament	MSC/JCSC	Oct. 5	9 a.m. - Until Finished

MSC = Murray State College • JCSC = Johnston County Sports Complex • THS= Tishomingo High School

For additional information about the 2006 Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival, call 1-800-593-3356.

Sign up by September 30

Students interested in science, technology encouraged to enter robotics team

Gov. Anoatubby joins, from left, Candace Williams and Nikki Stepps, of Ada High School, and Jacob Pittman, of Tishomingo High School. The students are members of the Metal Mayhem robotics team named Rookie All Star at the regional FIRST Robotics competition. Gov. Anoatubby holds the trophy presented to the team.

The Chickasaw Nation Education Services department is sponsoring interactive science programs through an international organization committed to inspiring young students to be science and technology leaders.

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) was founded by inventor Dean Kamen in 1989. Through FIRST, students are inspired to become science and technology leaders by engaging in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and foster well-rounded lives.

The FIRST Robotics Competition program is available to all Ada area high school students. This program is a "sport of the mind" designed to help high school students discover the interesting and rewarding life of engineers and researchers.

The program challenges teams of students and mentors to solve a common problem by designing and building a robot in a six-week timeframe using a standard kit of parts and a common set of rules. Student competitions focus on design, team spirit, gracious professionalism, maturity and the ability to overcome obstacles.

The Chickasaw Nation created the first Ada area FIRST Robotics team - Metal Mayhem - in 2007. Metal Mayhem team members consisted of a number of high school students in the Ada area. The team designed and built a robot in six weeks and received the awards of Regional Rookie All Star and National Rookie All Star.

The deadline to register for the FIRST Robotics Competition is September 30.

For more information about Math, Science and Technology programs or to obtain required applications, contact Amber Fox at (580) 421-7711 or amber.fox@chickasaw.net.

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Lighthorse officers give students close-up instruction

Mike McKee

Special agent Eric Farmer and Lighthorse dispatcher Michael Holloway demonstrate how to properly handcuff an offender at the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy.

More than a dozen Chickasaw youth with an interest in law enforcement gathered at Lighthorse Police Headquarters July 2 for the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy.

"The kids really learned a lot," said Jason O'Neal, Lighthorse Chief of Police, "I think it was a successful academy."

During the two-day academy, the youth participated in lessons running the gamut of law enforcement practices. Participants were presented the opportunity to try their hands in areas ranging from the proper use of handcuffs to the safest way to conduct a traffic stop.

The students also went on a tour of the Pontotoc County Jail and received first aid and CPR training.

One of the goals of the academy was to show the challenges faced by tribal law enforcement officers on a daily basis.

"I think everybody needs to see what it's like being on the other side of getting pulled over," said O'Neal.

"This academy not only gives them this inside look," he said, "but it also builds character and discipline."

Jace Woodrow, Stonewall freshman, said the academy gave him a new perspective on what the Lighthorse Police officers experience every day.

"Their jobs are a lot harder than I thought," he said.

The academy ended with a debriefing and an awards ceremony featuring Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel.

For more information on future Lighthorse Police Youth Academies, contact the Lighthorse Police Department at (580) 436-7267.

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Chickasaw History Quiz—19th Century Edition

By RICHARD GREEN

1. Who was the well-known person who intervened on behalf of the Chickasaw Rancher, Montford Johnson, to keep the Plains tribes from attacking him and his operation in the late 1860s?

A. Quanah Parker
B. Wild Bill Hickok
C. Jesse Chisholm
D. Cochise

2. The Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation originated in what year?

A. 1971
B. 1799
C. 1856
D. 1837

3. In 1847, what percentage of Chickasaw households owned slaves?

A. 20
B. 30
C. 40
D. 60

4. In the 1896 election, Robert Harris defeated Jonas Wolf for governor of the Chickasaw Nation. What was the main factor in Harris's victory?

A. Harris favored making an agreement with the Dawes Commission, which reflected the wishes of most of the voters.

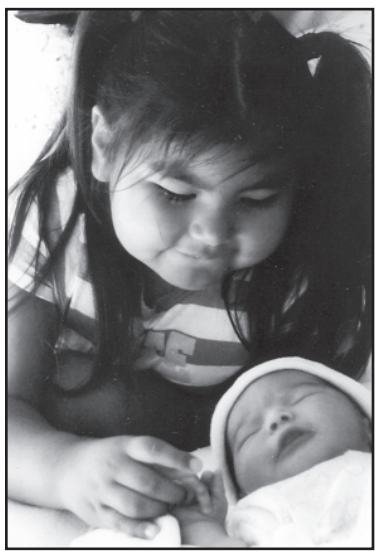
B. The Choctaws' leading political party, the Tuskahoma Party, was determined to make an agreement with the Dawes Commission.

C. Harris had lots of money to buy votes.

D. The Dawes Commission let it be known that they favored Harris.

*See **History Quiz Answers,** page 42*

Births



Danya and Jacoby Impson

Danya Impson announces the birth of her baby brother, **Jacoby Eli Impson**. Jacoby was born June 13, 2008 at 9:15 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and measured 21 inches at birth.

Jacoby and Danya are the children of John and Lisa Impson, Ada, Okla.

Grandparents are Quanah and Sherry Nail, Ada, and the late Gwen Impson.

Great-grandparents are Ben Nail and the late Fern Nail, Ada, the late Joe and Ruth Frazier, Emma Fisher, McAlester, the late Robert Fisher, and the late Thomas and Marie Willie.

Eason Humphers

Jon and Jennifer Humphers, Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of a son, **Eason Cole Humphers**. Eason was born at 6:06 a.m., June 25, 2008 at Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines. He weighed 7 lbs., 4.4 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth.

Grandparents are Carl Gray and Carla Campbell, both of Ada, Okla., Jodie Humphers, Stonewall, Okla., and Randall and Chris Humphers, Willcox, Ariz.

Great-grandparents are Marvell Seeley, Connerville, Okla., Joe and Jane Gray, Ada, the late E.O and Pauline Humphers, Stonewall, the late Elmer and Lucy Barnes, Ada, and the late Coy Latham. Great-great-grandmother is Marjorie Coles, Ada.

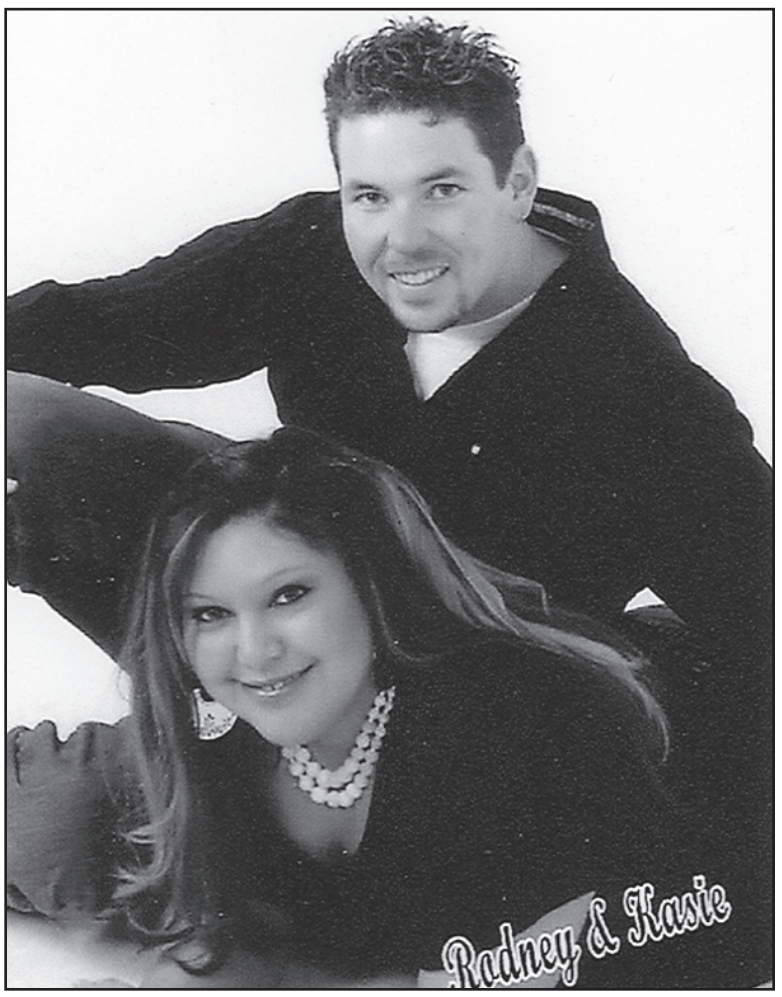
Birthdays

Jace Postoak

Jace Kane Postoak son of Brandon and Amanda Postoak, Baytown, Texas, celebrated his first birthday July 1, 2008.

Jace is the grandson of Patrick and Vicki Postoak, Baytown, and the great-grandson of Edmond and Doris Postoak, Ada, Okla.

McDonald, Graham to wed



Kasie McDonald and Rodney Graham, Jr.

Kasie Dawn McDonald and Rodney Gene Graham, Jr., will exchange wedding vows August 16, 2008 at Bird Song Wedding Cottage.

The future bride is the daughter of Robert McDonald and Jeanine Smith, of Ardmore, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Leroy McDonald, of Pottsboro, Texas, Etta Johnson, of Ardmore, the late Zekiel Brown and Caroline Krebbs, of Tishomingo, Okla. She is a graduate of Plainview High School and currently attends Murray State College and Southern Oklahoma Technology Center where she is earning science and health certificates. She is a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and a former Chickasaw Princess.

The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Graham, Sr., of Wilson, Okla. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joey Johnson, of Alex, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Davy Graham, of Alex. He is a graduate of Wilson High School and is an alumnus of Southern Nazarene University, Oklahoma City. He is currently employed as a tire builder with Michelin North America, of Ardmore. He is a proud citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Former college coach Melvin Imotichey honored by past players

Melvin Imotichey, center, with several former players. From left, Paul Hardaway, Chris Ghouldsby, Coach Imotichey, Corey Eller and Les Chapel.

El RENO, Okla. – Former Redlands Community College basketball coach Melvin Imotichey was recently honored at a reception. The Cougar Roundball Reunion was at Redlands Community College on June 28 and was open to all former basketball players of Coach Imotichey.

During the reception, Coach Imotichey was presented with a national championship ring for the title he won while coaching at Murray State Junior College in 1973. Many former players were in attendance and spoke of the positive impact Coach Imotichey had on their lives.

Coach Imotichey is a native Sulphur, Okla., and is of Chickasaw and Choctaw descent. He coached at Redlands Community College from 1978-2001. His basketball teams appeared in the national tournament in 1988 and 1995. He was also named 1995 Coach of the Year by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

After retiring from RCC in 2001, he went on to coach in Waco, Texas and at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas.

He currently serves as a recruiter for the Cherokee Nation's Talking Leaves Job Corps.

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Donating platelets a priority

Amanda Gabehart

Amanda Gabehart was recently honored by the American Red Cross at the Annual Donor Recognition Evening. Miss Gabehart was recognized for donating over 12 gallons of platelets.

Some people are too sick and weak to produce their own platelets, which are what causes cuts to clot and scab. They need people like Amanda to help them in their recovery.

Though many people do not make time for their local blood drive during the summer months, the need for these life-saving fluids is still essential.

Miss Gabehart is a full-time student, works part-time and is the vice president of the local quilting guild. She is a hard worker but always set aside time to make a platelet donation. Miss Gabehart has made it a priority to spur more people to action in donating platelets.

Byng Barracudas sweep to state title

The Byng Barracudas, an 8-and-under baseball team, recently won the Oklahoma Kids State championship. This year marks the second year in a row the Barracudas have won the championship.

The boys went through the state playoffs allowing only eight total runs, while scoring 103.

In the regional playoffs, the Barracudas defeated Perkins 11-1, and Lexington 13-6.

In the state tournament in Weatherford, the Barracudas shut out Roland twice, 10-0 and 11-0.

The Byng Barracudas, front row from left, Josh Lewis, Cayman Watkins, Ethan Jackson, Dakota Jesse and Cody Mills. Back row from left, Will Cotner, Jayson Ellis, Trejan Blue, Logan Long, and Austin Lambert. Coaches (not pictured) are Chris Watkins, JD Jackson, Scott Mills, Chad Blue.

Complete special permit request form to register for Kullihoma Fall deer hunt

Special permit request forms are now available for the annual Fall deer hunt at Kullihoma.

Kullihoma is tribal land located approximately seven miles east of Ada.

Chickasaw hunters can pick up a form at the Chickasaw Rangers office, 221 N. Rennie, in Ada, or by calling (580) 310-6466.

The Fall deer hunt at Kullihoma coincides with established Oklahoma hunting seasons.

Bow hunting runs from October 1, 2008 through January 15, 2009. Muzzleloader season is October 25 through November 2.

Traditional gun season is November 22 through December 7.

There is also a special youth gun hunt October 17 through 19. All other hunting will be suspended during the youth hunt days.

The Rangers encourage hunters to have their forms completed and submitted as soon as possible. A drawing is conducted and hunters are then informed of their inclusion in the hunt.

Chickasaws only may apply for the Kullihoma Fall deer hunt.

Chickasaw author publishes 'What Made That Noise'

A Chickasaw author has recently published an instructional children's book.

"What Made That Noise" was written and published by Ricky Prince, an author from Richards, Texas.

"What Made That Noise" is a fun learning book based on farm animals. It is written for children ages pre-kindergarten through first grade.

Using the book, children can learn to count to ten and connect those numbers with the objects found on the facing page.

"What Made That Noise" also describes 10 colors of farm animals and connects the animals with the sounds they make.

"What Made That Noise" is available on the Publish America online bookstore at publishamerica.com, or by calling the company at (301) 695-1707.

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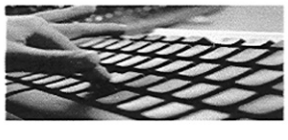

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15-year-old has eye on 2012 Olympics

Chickasaw diver wins national championship

Kaylea Arnett, a 15-year-old Chickasaw diver, took another significant step toward her dream of some day bringing home Olympic gold.

Kaylea and her partner Michelle Cabassol won the Synchronized Women Platform competition at the 2008 Kaiser Permanente National Diving Championships July 22-27.

Former Olympian Cassandra Cardinell and Amy Korthauer finished second in the event.

Asked how it felt to win over a former Olympian, Kaylea said "it was awesome," with a chuckle.

Kaylea and Michelle also took third place in the Synchronized Women 3-meter Springboard event at the national championship.

During the Olympic Team Selection Camp July 2-6 in Indianapolis, Kaylea and Michelle finished third in each of four synchronized diving events.

While there were many well-known divers competing in the Olympic Selection Camp, Kaylea said she tried to look at it as "just another event."

"I like to think of it that way so it doesn't put as much pressure on me," she said.

While the third place finish did not qualify Kaylea for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, she is still on track to achieve her ultimate goal, according to her mother, Terrie Arnett.

"The girls did great and exactly what was expected of them," said Terrie. "They were the youngest two there."

Kaylea and Michelle are expected to compete in the 2012 Olympics in London, so we are excited about that," she added.

Terrie said the selection camp was "more intense" than other events because she knew there was more on the line."

In addition to international competition, Kaylea also dives for Spring High School.

In June of this year, she was named the top high school diver in the United States by the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association.

"I'm just doing what I like to do," said Kaylea, when asked about her extremely busy schedule.

She has this advice for others.

"Always just have fun whatever you are doing. It doesn't matter if you win or lose," she said. "Just always love what you're doing."

A five-time junior national champion, Kaylea recently moved up to senior competition where she competes with the best divers in the world.

Because she is only 15-years-old, she can still also compete in the junior division.

August 6-10 she will compete in the Speedo Junior National Diving Championships in the Woodlands, Texas.

If she wins her sixth junior national championship, she will qualify to compete in the FINA World Junior Diving Championship in Aachen, Germany Sept. 16-21.

Kaylea took gold in the 3-meter, 1-meter and platform events at the 2006 Speedo Junior Nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Chickasaw diver Kaylea Arnett, left, and her diving partner, Michelle Cabassol.

Her win in the 3-meter competition at the 2006 junior nationals marked a successful defense of the title she won in 2005.

That championship qualified her for the 2005 Junior Pan American Games in Fort Lauderdale, Fl., where she won two bronze medals. Her performance helped Team USA win first place in the event with 611 points, 55 points ahead of runner-up Canada.

At only 13 years of age, it was Kaylea's third international competition.

As a ten-year-old, Kaylea defeated 15 girls older than herself to finish first in platform in the 13 and under division in the World Team Trials in Coral Springs Fl.

That qualified her for a spot as the youngest diver on the 19 member U.S. team which traveled to the 2003 Junior Pan American Championships in Belem, Brazil.

Kaylea earned two bronze medals at that event and helped the U.S. team to a third place finish.

In May, 2003, she placed second in three-meter springboard and third in platform to help the U.S. Junior All-Star team defeat the Canadian Junior Elite team at the U.S./Canada Junior Challenge.

Kaylea began her diving career in August, 2001 at the Oklahoma City Regional Training Center at Oklahoma City Community College, under the instruction of Alik Sarkisian.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Kaylea Arnett

Courtney Parchcorn feted for generous act

Young Chickasaw artist honored at Pine Ridge

Courtney Parchcorn was recently honored by the Oglala Sioux tribe in South Dakota for her contribution to the tribe's school supply fund.

Chickasaw youth Courtney Parchcorn recently came face-to-face with the massive appreciation of her generosity by traveling to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Last year, Courtney won "Best in Show" in the national Red Earth Youth Arts competition with a cane intended for her grandfather, Franklin D. Allen, who passed away before its completion. Wanting to help other young Native Americans in need, she decided to donate a portion of her prize money to the children of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Buddy and Fran Parchcorn, Courtney's parents, educated her on how life is different on reservations and that other Native Americans aren't as fortunate as those in Oklahoma. As a result, she knew that the Johnson-O'Malley funding had been cut for that school year and that the students would be in desperate need of supplies. Her donation made dozens of items available to prepare the Oglala children to start their school year.

As a measure of appreciation, the reservation set up a school supply drive named in memory of Courtney's grandfather.

Although she was invited to visit the reservation at the time of her donation, Courtney didn't make the trek until nearly a year later.

"I've always wanted to go," she said. "Now that I'm a little older, I just went ahead and made the trip."

Her parents were a little reluctant to let her travel so far, but they couldn't refuse when they realized how highly the Oglala regarded their daughter.

"When they told us they were going to have a ceremony to honor her, we couldn't say no," said Fran.

It was to Courtney's surprise when the tribe presented her with a quilt and honored her with a song at the beginning of her one-week stay.

"It caught me off guard, she said. "I really didn't expect anything like that at all."

Courtney said that the whole trip helped her find herself spiritually.

"It was just life-changing to see how different it is there," she said.

The average annual income on the Pine Ridge Reservation is less than $4,000 and many families go without electricity, telephone or running water.

"People don't realize that the amount of money they spend in a trip to the mall can make such a difference," Courtney said.

A school supply drive is scheduled for the 2008 school year. For more information on donating, contact the Oglala Commemoration at (314) 602-9281 or via email at oglala_commemoration@yahoo.com.

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Education, internship bring Merle Pearce face-to-face with NASCAR

Chickasaw student making inroads on the track

Merle Pearce, a Chickasaw student from Durant, Okla., has spent the last two summers working for Hendrick Motorsports in North Carolina. He was selected as an intern for NASCAR's Diversity Internship Program.

This summer, Chickasaw Merle Pearce became the object of envy for many NASCAR-loving race fans and car buffs across the nation.

For the second summer in a row, Pearce was selected to be a part of NASCAR's Diversity Internship Program. This 10-week program was established in 2000 to give minorities from various backgrounds a chance to be involved in the racing industry.

Last year, Mr. Pearce was placed as an intern at Hendrick Motorsports, a premier organization in stock-car racing near Charlotte, N.C. As the summer ended, all signs pointed to him returning.

"When I left my boss said 'see ya in nine months,' so that was a pretty good clue that I might be coming back," Pearce said.

At Hendrick, he has had the opportunity to take part in the set-up, research and development and fabrication of race cars driven by NASCAR heavyweights, including Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and Jimmy Johnson.

As a sophomore at Oklahoma State University, Mr. Pearce heard about the Diversity Internship program through his roommate.

"I knew I had to be a part of it," he said.

Ever since he could remember, he said, he has had a passion for all things "car."

"My parents told me that when I was little, I constantly had pocketfuls of Hot Wheels," he said.

His fascination with speed came a little later when he would race his sister on his bike.

"I had a love for speed and adrenaline," he said,

When he was in the eighth grade, Mr. Pearce joined his father, Merle Sr., in building a race car. He continued to race throughout his high school years.

"I just continued to get more and more interested and more and more involved," he said.

A mechanical engineering/technology major at OSU, he now has a passion for what makes a car go so fast and how to make it perform better.

"I like the challenge of tweaking a car perfectly so it will have optimum performance," he said.

Mr. Pearce said that sitting back and watching a NASCAR race is engaging for him.

"I just focus on the cars," he said. "I can see the cars twitch and know what's going right and what's going wrong…like mental crew-chiefing."

He said the internship worked to feed his interest in the sport.

"I walked away with more drive and confidence," he said, "and a bigger appetite to do what I want to do."

Mr. Pearce plans to graduate from OSU in Spring of 2009 and move back to North Carolina and continue to pursue his dream of working for a race team.

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Debit cards for IIM account holders

The security and convenience of a debit card is now available for Individual Indian Money (IIM) account holders with the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians (OST).

In December of 2007, OST launched a pilot program involving the debit cards, generating significant interest among account holders. By April of 2008, more than 900 IIM account holders had requested a debit card enrollment forms and approximately 500 cards had been issued.

OST officials took this step in response to the estimated 13 million people in the United States who do not have bank accounts. These people spend hundreds of dollars cashing checks each year. With the debit card, the account holder's funds can be received quickly, electronically and free of charge.

Along with heightened security, the debit cards allow accessibility to ATMs nationwide as well as the convenience of using the card to pay for goods and services anywhere MasterCard is accepted.

Although the pilot was only launched in Arizona, Oklahoma and Washington, any IIM account holder may participate.

Interested tribe members can get more information by calling the Trust Beneficiary Call Center, toll free, at 1-888-678-6836 or by visiting www.doi.gov/ost and selecting the "What's New" button.

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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

OKLAHOMA

ADA

Ada Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Pat Cox, 580-272-0549

August 5- National Night Out
Stacie Carroll, 580-421-7711

August 22- Stomp Dance-Kullihoma
Roman Kilcrease, 580-272-5310

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Patricia Bostick, 580-564-2975

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Tom Hogland, 405-381-2268

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Pam Conard, 405-973-8127

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Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Betty Kemp, 405-364-0355

TISHOMINGO

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

August 8- Summer Film Series
Flora Fink, 580-371-3351

CALIFORNIA

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Lynn M. Dorrough, 909-213-7273

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly Meetings
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

August 9- Chickasaw Gathering- Colorado Springs
866-466-1481

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-945-9219 or Pam Harjo, 316-393-0696

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Chris Rodke, 505-980-1368

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Michele Moody, 210-492-2288

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
Austin, Texas Area
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Te Ata Fisher Art show highlights employee talents

Marcy Gray

Debra Collins Bailey and her husband Tom admire "Chainmail," a work of art by Erin Howe. The piece won second place in the Adornments to Dress category of the first Te Ata Fisher Chickasaw Nation Employee Art Show hosted by the Division of Arts and Humanities July 26-28 in Ada.

More than 70 Chickasaw Nation employees took part in the inaugural Te Ata Fisher Chickasaw Nation Employee Art Show.

The show, conducted June 26-28 in Ada, was intended to give employees the opportunity to showcase their talents.

"It was a great idea," said Christine Brown, employee of the Chickasaw Council House Museum. "I hope everyone will take advantage of the opportunity next year."

Participant Michael Cornelius, employee of the Cultural Resources department, believes the employee art show could help continue traditional Chickasaw art forms.

"Things like basketry and blow gun making are becoming a lost art," he said. "I think this show could be an opportunity to revive those areas."

A "Tour of Winners," featuring the winning pieces, will be displayed at tribal headquarters at the Miko Building through July 25. Beginning on August 1, the showcase will be on display at the Purcell Area Office, located at 1603 S. Green Ave. Finally, the show will wrap at the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Building in Tishomingo, running from Sept. 5 through Oct. 4, 2008.

The winners in the 2008 Te Ata Fisher Chickasaw Nation Art Show include:

TWO DIMENSIONAL

I. Painting—

First Place: Joshua Hinson – "Chickasha Okchaa'"

Second Place: Kimberlie Chapman – "Papa's Pride and Joy"

Third Place: Kimberlie Chapman – "Brother"

Honorable Mention: Debbie Hamilton – "Museum Hill View, Santa Fe"

II. Drawing—

First Place: Amber Underwood – "Pencil Drawing"

Second Place: Robert Flowers – Untitled #1

Third Place: Robert Flowers – Untitled #2

III. Photography—Black & White:

First Place: Tony Dowell – Untitled #2

Second Place: Marcy Gray – "Waterfall"

Third Place: Chasity Smith – "Springtime"

Honorable Mention: Brian Brashier – "Nature in Nature"

IV. Photography—Color:

First Place: Kris Cook – Untitled #1

Second Place: Deana Hartley-Kelso – "The Door"

Third Place: Amy Gantt – "Ice Storm"

Honorable Mention: Christine Brown – "Down Lonesome Road"

THREE-DIMENSIONAL

V. Sculpture—

First Place: Stephen Greetham—"Untitled Bird Sculpture"

Second Place: Tony Dowell – "Bear"

Third Place: Joanna Underwood – "Mushroom People"

VI. Pottery—

First Place: Amy Gantt

VII. Jewelry—

First Place: Trina Jones-Necklace

Second Place: Pam Kanuch - Bracelet

Third Place: Pam Kanuch - Necklace

VIII. 3-D Open—

First Place: Michael Cornelius – Eagle flute

Second Place: Eric Hardison - Braille

Third Place: Trevor Clark, Sr. – Staff

Honorable Mention: Christine Brown - Basketball

CULTURAL

IX. Beadwork-

First Place: Ashley Hart – Beaded Wedding Glasses

Second Place: Joshua Hinson – Gourd Dance Set

Third Place: Ashley Hart – Beaded Hat

X. Flute—

First Place: Michael Cornelius

Second Place: Michael Cornelius

Third Place: Tim Cornelius

Honorable Mention: Trevor Clark, Sr.

XI. Traditional Dress—

First Place: Mary Shackleford – Ladies Dress

Second Place: Mary Shackleford – Ribbon Shirt

XII. Cultural Open—

First Place: Michael Cornelius – Brother Bear Flute

Second Place: Jeremy Wallace – Small Blow Gun

Third Place: Trevor Clark, Sr. – Pileated Woodpecker

Tim Cornelius – Pipe

TEXTILES

XIII. Weavings—

First Place: Mary Shackleford – Men's Woven Bel

Second Place: Mary Shackleford – Ladies Woven Belt

XIV. Adornments to Dress—

First Place: Kimberlie Chapman – Loksi bag

Second Place: Erin Howe – Chainmail

EMPLOYEE CHOICE AWARD

Christine Brown

For more information on the Tour of Winners or on future shows, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 436-2603.

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Students hit the hardwood, develop skills at basketball clinic

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services hosted its annual Boys and Girls Youth Basketball Clinic June 30-July 1 in Ada and Ardmore.

Nearly 200 students learned fundamental basketball techniques from a roster of experienced coaches and University of Oklahoma athletes.

Carolyn Winchester, a senior forward from OU, said it was important for the children to receive positive guidance in the sport.

"These kids will look up to anyone who will work with them," she said. "It's nice for them to be able to be in such a relaxed environment and still be learning."

Cuterra Love, Ada, is stockpiling experience for her future basketball career,

"I'm going to be a fourth grader next year," she said, "but I'm learning all of this because I want to be a good player when I'm in the sixth grade."

Other participants viewed the clinic as a refresher course.

"I played last year, but now I've gone a whole year without playing," said Colton Stidham, eighth grader from Byng. "This will help me remember everything I might have forgotten."

Coaches included Jeff Maloy, Ada High School; Terry Shannon and Kent Franz, East Central University.

University of Oklahoma basketball players Ashley Paris, Carolyn Winchester, Jenna Plumley, Chelsi Welch, David Godbold and Austin Johnson also provided assitance.

For more information on the Boys and Girls Youth Basketball Clinic, or other programs offered by the Chickasaw Nation Youth Services Department, call (580) 310-6620.

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Mike McKee

Tyler Williams of Ada prepares to take a shot during the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services Boys and Girls Youth Basketball Clinic conducted June 30-July 1.

'The River' and 'The Split'

Tribal Commerce Division produces well-received poker program, reality docudrama

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce has created and produced two highly successful reality television programs. Individuals involved in the project include, from left, King Hollis, Brian, Zanazanian, Brian Campbell, Ryan Cristelli, Michelle Colbert and Jason Perry.

THACKERVILLE, Okla. – WinStar World Casino may soon become a household name across the U.S. with two reality TV shows surrounding the players in its ongoing poker and blackjack tournaments.

Oklahoma's second largest casino is now center stage as people across America tune-in to watch its two new and unique poker shows which began airing nationwide June 14. The shows are ranked number one in their time slots in two major TV markets: Dallas and Chicago. Both shows, from conception to set design, casting to final production, are a product of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce Marketing Department.

"The River" is WinStar's take on the traditional Texas Hold'em tournament and features locally- and nationally-known show hosts, long time Dallas sportscaster Norm Hitzges and two of professional poker's best – Greg Raymer and Annie Duke.

"I've watched a lot of poker shows and they are generally all the same," said Hitzges, "whereas with 'The River' we provide interesting, situational commentary and advice. We have created a show where both the hardcore player or poker fan can get a lot out of it, and someone new to the game can get a lot out of it as well."

"The River" is not just the traditional play-by-play man and color commentator according to Hitzges.

"We use our two professionals, Annie and Greg, to provide, not only an insider's view of tournament play, but also to give real world advice even tournament players can benefit from as they play," he said.

There is nothing traditional about "The Split," WinStar's reality docudrama with the backdrop of Blackjack played for a $2 million purse.

Hosted by legendary reality star "Boston" Rob Mariano and TV personality Michele Merkin, "The Split" blends exciting Blackjack action with a key element missing from previous Blackjack shows – the emotions and player interactions that drive the game.

Moving seamlessly between documentary style coverage of the players' personal stories, and actual game play, "The Split" allows audiences to identify with the players and cheer or jeer their heroes and anti-heroes each week.

Division of Commerce chief executive officer Brian Campbell says he is very proud of the marketing department's efforts and the excitement the productions have created at WinStar,

"Some key people in our marketing department conceived and designed both the tournaments and the TV shows surrounding the tournaments. As a result, we have some of the top players from Vegas flying in every other week to play at WinStar and we have millions of people around the country and the world watching us."

"The River" and "The Split" were conceived and produced entirely by these individuals in the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce Marketing Department: executive producers and creators include King Hollis, Jason Perry, Michelle Colbert, Brian Zanazanian and Ryan Cristelli. Hollis is director of the project while Perry is in charge of production design and graphics. Andrea Horner, chief officer of Marketing, also serves as executive producer.

The WinStar World Championship Series televisions shows started on June 14 and will run for 15 weeks. WFAA (Channel 8), and KFWD (Channel 52) in Dallas will serve as flagships for a network including Time Warner Sports Networks, Comcast, Direct TV, DISH, Cox Sports Networks, TW Sports and Altitude Sports that reach over 90 million households throughout the US and eight countries. For more information or show times for "The River" and "The Split" go to: www.winstarcasinos.com.

Children stay active during summer program

The Chickasaw Nation Child Care department provided a variety of activities through the Summer School Age program this summer.

"The Child Care department understands the importance of keeping children active and involved in a variety of activities during the summer," said Child Care director Michelle Key. "The program goal was to provide physical activities for students to remain healthy and active while maintaining structure and creating a fun learning environment."

Through the Summer School Age program, children four through nine experienced a summer full of exciting educational and recreational field trips. Activities included swimming and playing sports, planning picnics at the park, attending healthy nutrition classes, attending the Oklahoma History Center, the Oklahoma Aquarium and Casady's Dairy, plus many other exciting classroom activities.

For more information about the Child Care department, call (580) 310-9490 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Tandi Redman and Ethan Jackson learn to bottle feed calves as other children observe during the Summer School Age program field trip to Casady's Dairy in Pickett.

Reese Jordan, Alesha Traylor and Mattison Cooley were up close and personal with several different creatures during the Summer School Age program visit to the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students learn about the Chickasaw dances and types of dresses.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs held two student/parent orientations in May to provide information on the summer academic session at Murray State College (MSC).

The first orientation was in Davis at the Microtel conference room and the second one was held in Tishomingo in the Murray State College ballroom. Students completed paperwork and had their pictures taken for ID badges. The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police also gave a drug dog demonstration to emphasize the no drugs policy of the program. A search of the dorms was provided prior to the students moving in and searches are scheduled during the summer session.

Students and parents attending the Tishomingo orientation were also given a tour of the campus area. Students will move into the dorms on June 1 and will begin classes the next day. Seventeen students in the bridge component of the program have enrolled in six credit hours at MSC.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs serves 21 target schools within the Chickasaw Nation. For more information, please call (580) 371-9903.

CPR, first aid training

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math & Science students attending a CPR & First Aid training.

Chickasaw Foundation Art Auction issues call for artists

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization.

We are currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction to be held during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 14, 2008. This reception is held annually to recognize our donors and volunteers. Last year we had over 25 pieces of artwork and would like to see the number double this year

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. Last year we were able to establish the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a certificate of degree of Indian blood card majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Oklahoma House Native American Caucus

The photo includes Rep. Steve Martin Cherokee, Rep. Fred Jordan Cherokee, Rep. Scott Bighorse Osage, Rep. Al McAffrey Choctaw, Rep. Ken Luttrell Cherokee, Rep. Anastasia Pittman Seminole, Rep. Chuck Hoskin Cherokee, Rep. Lisa J. Billy Chickasaw/Choctaw, Rep. Jerry McPeak Creek, Rep. T.W.Shannon Chickasaw, Rep. Paul Wesselhoft Pottawatomie, Rep. Rex Duncan Choctaw, Rep. Larry Glenn Cherokee, Rep. Daniel Sullivan Choctaw, Rep. Skye McNiel Creek, Rep. Shane Jett Cherokee, Rep. Doug Cox Creek. Not present in the photo are Speaker Chris Benge Cherokee, Rep. Ray McCarter Chickasaw, and Rep. Jerry Shoemake Cherokee.

The Oklahoma Native American Caucus recently sponsored a postcard, which is on display at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

The caucus is the first of its kind in the state and is bi-partisan. The co-chairs for the 51st legislative session are rep. Lisa J. Billy (Republican-Purcell) and Rep. Jerry McPeak (Democrat-Warner).

Chickasaw Foundation summer youth participant Stephanie Catron

Ms. Stephanie Catron, Chickasaw Foundation Summer Youth participant.

The Chickasaw Foundation and the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs welcome summer youth worker, Stephanie Catron. She is the daughter of Dale and Dianne Catron, of Tishomingo.

Stephanie worked in the CF Upward Bound office and stated she enjoys working with the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program, spending time with family and friends and cleaning while listening to music.

She completed classes for her GED and her future plans include finishing her education. Her summer job duties included answering phones, running errands between the office, classrooms and dorms, filing, typing and recording information.

Stephanie is a hard worker and we enjoyed having her work for us this summer.

Chikasha Sayah camp instills value of language

Chickasaw culture, traditions highlighted at youth camp

Chickasaw youth were immersed in Chickasaw culture and traditions during the annual Chikasha Sayah Camp. The camp was conducted July 16-18 at Camp Goddard near Sulphur, Okla.

More than 80 campers, ages eight to 12, were divided into 12 Chickasaw clans, such as Issi (deer) and Loksi (turtle) for the duration of the camp.

Learning the Chickasaw language was a high priority at camp. Instructors reviewed words, colors and numbers with the campers during the three-day camp.

All the campers' hard work led to a language competition among the clans on the last day of camp.

Campers also had the opportunity to participate in traditional Chickasaw games including stickball, squirrel stick game, marbles and archery.

Camper Chelsea Wedlow, of Allen, said playing stickball was her favorite part of camp.

"I play all the time at Kullihoma," she said as she was studying her flashcards. Chelsea was part of the Shawi (raccoon) clan.

Kevin Hickman said he learned "everything" at camp.

"I learned a lot of things," he said. "I learned respect and how to learn the language. I never knew about the Chickasaw language."

"This camp is fun," Easton Snow, of Sulphur, said, of his first Chikasha Sayah experience.

"I learned how to count in Chickasaw, I learned new words and I found some fossils.

Campers also participated in activities unique to Goddard Youth Camp, including touring the museum and digging for fossils in the fossil pit.

All were proud of what they found and were able to take some fossils home as souvenirs.

Tasting traditional food, a hide tanning demonstration and many craft projects rounded out the Chikasha Sayah experience.

On the final day of camp, Melody Hicks was voted best girl camper and, for the first time ever, the best boy camper award was presented to two campers, Chase Horton and Easton Snow.

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Mike McKee

More than 80 Chickasaw youth participated in Chikasha Sayah (I Am Chickasaw Camp), learning more about Chickasaw culture, language and traditional food and games. The camp was conducted July 16-18 at Camp Goddard Youth Camp near Sulphur, Okla.

Campers Melissa Herman, left, Leigh Davison and Brandy Herman show off fossils and other treasures they discovered during a fossil dig at Chikasha Sayah Camp.

Food, supply drive set for mental health services office

Mental Health Services of Southern Oklahoma is sponsoring a Summer food and supply drive.

The agency is accepting nonperishable food, personal care items and cleaning supplies. You may drop off donations at 111 East 12th St., Ada, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Distribution will be conducted August 22 at the same location. If you have any questions, please contact the agency at (580) 436-2690.

Junior Golf Open winners

These junior golfers both earned a first place ranking in the eight-to-12 year-old category of the Native American Jr. Golf Open. Stormy Randazzo, of Dallas, left, won first in the female category, and Logan Matthews, of Ada placed first in the male category.

Archery Camp hits the mark for students

Mike McKee

These Chickasaw youth learned all about the sport of archery during the Chickasaw Nation Archery Camp, conducted July 7-9 in Ada. Front row rom left, Adrin Blane Walker, Raylin Manning, T.J. Clark, Ashton Rawlins, Hunter Weems, Savannah Weems, Chelsea Wedlow, Bailee McCurdy, Trevor Brown, Sheicona Gilmore, Tyler Walker, Tyler Edgar and Levi Hinson. Second row from left, Baylee Lewis, Amber Sutton, Daniel Carpenter, Patrick Cooke, Nikki Weems, Adam Walker, Thirkiel Wedlow, Samuel Sweet, Kaen Hatton, Hailey Manning, Rachel Walton and Tyler Brown. Third row from left, Jeremiah Weeden, Destiny Hatton, Thomas James, Autumn Underwood, Katie Miller, Chase Horton and Taylor Edgar. Back row from left, instructors Tina Gilmore, Chenae Lippard, Waylon Cotanny, Robert Pickens, Steven Edgar, Melisha Sutton and Josh Sutton.

More than 40 Chickasaw students took a shot at the sport of archery during the second annual Chickasaw Nation Archery Camp, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education, July 7-9.

During the camp, students learned the basics of archery; such as how to stand while shooting a bow, the components of a bow and arrow, and proper aiming and shooting techniques. Safety tips were also discussed.

Participants practiced the fundamentals of the sport in the community center gym. On the final day of camp, campers had the opportunity to shoot at an Ada archery range. The group aimed at life-like 3-D targets, such as snakes, deer, turkey and wolves.

"It's hot and harder than I thought it would be," said 12-year-old Tyler Brown as he took aim at the deer.

Eleven-year-old Patrick Cooke said he thoroughly enjoyed learning a new sport.

"We had all sorts of fun, and we played all kinds of games," he said.

His favorite part of the three-day camp was shooting on the archery range.

Instructor Josh Sutton said the entire group made great strides during the three-day camp. "Some didn't even know how to put the arrow on the bow, and now they are hitting targets."

"(The camp) is a great opportunity for these kids to learn a new sport."

An awards ceremony concluded the three-day camp.

Each camper received a certificate of attendance, group photo, individual photo and a participation medal. Awards were also given to campers who earned the most points in their age group for highest target points, highest 3D points and most-improved archer.

Eight and Nine year olds
Most Improved-Tyler Walker

High Point Archer
1st-Trevor Brown
2nd-Raylin Manning
3rd-Bailee McCurdy
4th-Tyler Edgar
5th-Ashton Rawlins
6th-Tyler Walker

High Point Archer- 3D
1st-Raylin Manning
2nd-Trevor Brown
3rd-Tyler Edgar
4th-Trevor Clark
5th-Bailee McCurdy
6th-Tyler Walker

10 – 12 year olds
Most Improved-Blayne Walker

High Point Archer
1st-Adam Walker
2nd-Blayne Walker
3rd-Patrick Cooke
4th-Chase Horton
5th-Thirkiel Wedlow
6th-Hailey Manning

High Point Archer-3D
1st-Thirkiel Wedlow
2nd-Blayne Walker
3rd-Patrick Cooke
4th-Chase Horton
5th-Kaen Hatton
6th-Adam Walker

13-15 year olds
Most Improved-Katie Miller

High Point Archer
1st-Taylor Edgar
2nd-Katie Miller
3rd- Jeremiah Weeden
4th-Thomas James
5th-Rachel Walton
6th-Destiny Hatton

High Point Archer-3D
1st-Taylor Edgar
2nd- Jeremiah Weeden
3rd-Kyle Treat
4th-Katie Miller
5th-Destiny Hatton
6th-Rachel Walton

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Taylor Edgar, of Sulphur, takes aim at a 3D target during Chickasaw Nation Archery Camp. The second-annual camp was conducted in Ada.

Patrick Cooke takes aim at a target on the archery range as instructor Steven Edgar and campers Samuel Sweet and Autumn Underwood watch.

Former OU quarterback Heupel on hand

Boys learn teamwork at Day of Champions Football Camp

Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions staff, front row from left, Brandon Shelby, Chuck Hepola, Josh Heupel, Ken Heupel, Jerry Dominguez and Mike Bradshaw. Second row from left, Aaron Pelch, Brian Miller, Matt Rice, Josh Norman, Sharrone Moore, Trey Bandy, Justin Iske and Fletcher Terrell.

Football skills and life lessons were the focus of the annual Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Football Camp, July 10-12 at the Ada High School football field.

Legends from the game, including former University of Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel, led more than 125 Native American athletes through their paces.

The three-day camp focused on the importance of hard work, respect for others, and teamwork.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby said these vital life-lessons help mold future leaders.

"Good citizenship and leadership skills are stressed in all the camps offered by the tribe," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It is important we teach our young people these traits. They are our future."

The coaches worked with small groups of boys, divided by their age. Passing, running, blocking and other agility drills were offered, along with talks on the value of character and healthy living.

"This camp teaches the four principles of leadership," said veteran coach Ken Heupel, "trust, discipline, respect, and the capacity for hard work."

Heupel said attendance at the Ada camp, 129 on Tuesday, was the largest camp his team had conducted this year.

"The turnout is unbelievable and the kids are working so hard."

When asked what he learned, eight-year-old Bryce Holland, of Ada, said "respect."

"If you give people respect, they will give you respect," he said.

He described the camp as "hard."

"They make us be like an NFL player."

This year marks the sixth year the Chickasaw Nation Champions Football Camp has been offered. Kodie Shepherd, of Ringling, has attended every camp. The 15-year-old said he looked forward to the camp each summer.

Parents and campers travel great distances to participate. One camper and his parent drove from Fort Worth, Texas and still another awoke at 4:30 a.m. to drive from Elgin, Okla. to Ada.

One draw is the coaches.

The team is led by Josh Heupel, the 2000 Heisman Trophy runner-up who now serves as OU quarterbacks coach. He was joined by his father, Ken; Brian Miller, Washburn University; Jerry Dominguez, Arizona Western University; Josh Norman, San Diego Chargers; Brandon Shelby, University of Arizona; Chuck Hepola, East Central University; Matt Rice, University of Arizona; Aaron Pelch, Millsap University; Justin Iske, Arizona Western; former OU player Sharrone Moore, and Michael Bradshaw, Trey Bandy, and Fletcher Terrell.

The Day of Champions Outstanding Achievement Award was presented on the final day of camp to the top three athletes who show characteristics of hard work, enthusiasm and leadership. Bailey Mairel, of Atwood, Sefuan "Papi" White, of Seminole, and Kodie Joe Shepherd, of Ringling, received the award.

The Chickasaw Nation offers more than 14 youth clinics, camps and academies throughout the summer months, ranging from Golf Camp to the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy. These camps and academies are offered to Chickasaw and other Native American children at no charge.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

University of Oklahoma quarterbacks coach Josh Heupel gives campers a few pointers during Day of Champions Football Camp. The three-day camp emphasized character, respect and hard work.

Mike McKee

Ken Heupel presents the "Day of Champions Outstanding Achievement award" to Kodie Joe Shepherd, left, of Ringling; Sefuan "Papi" White, center, of Seminole; and Bailey Mairel, of Atwood. The award is presented to the top three athletes who show characteristics of hard work, enthusiasm and leadership.

Austin Vernon, a Tishomingo Middle School sixth-grader, has his Chickasaw Nation Football Camp t-shirt autographed on the final day of camp, Saturday, July 12. More than 100 young men participated in the camp.

Wichita Council hears of inspiring story of Chickasaw flyer Pearl Scott

The Wichita Council heard about the book "Never Give Up" the Pearl Scott story from Kim Caliendo. Kim said it was a good book – a little sad in places but inspiring. She recommends reading it.

James Green has forms for use about our Chickasaw military veterans. He says anyone who has Chickasaw veterans relatives who they would like included in our military history is welcome to take these and he will help as needed.

As part of our local Chickasaw history, Fran Elliott had a story about how James Green repairs vintage Schwinn bicycles. We also found out that he worked on repairs of vintage Cushman scooters. She asked that we continue to submit this kind of interesting background about ourselves and our family members.

This request sparked some conversations about how many of us are closely related and supported the need to continue sharing information about ourselves and our families. Fran had a couple of stories about Chickasaw tribal council members from the early 1900 who are directly related to some of our members.

Kent Rowe mentioned that he has a DVD entitles "What a Way to Go" by Timothy S. Bennett. He said it is an eye opening look at our civilization's future that he'd like to share. He also had some of his genealogy in hand and found that it connected him to James Green.

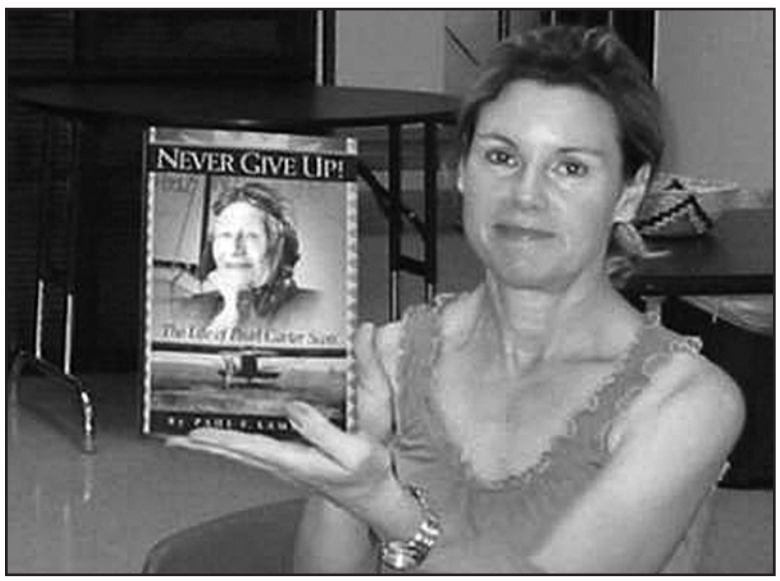
We had the opportunity to hear a CD made for us by Cedric Sunray of the Chickasaw Language Department. It was 17 tracks with the Lord's Prayer, two hymns and 14 social dance songs. He sent along an explanation about this gift so that we could understand the background of the songs a little better. Since the song were sung acapella and in a good clear voice, it made the possibility of learning easier.

We were able to hear the tape, "Chickasaw Social Songs" to better understand how it will sound once it is all put together with other voices and shell shakers. We know that only the men sing, but women should know the songs so they know what dances are to be done. Women don't sing, but do shake shells. The Wichita Council thanks the Language Department for working to bring some of the language to us.

Also, some of the women will save tomato sauce or evaporated milk cans so we can make shell shakers. They found out how to open the cans properly for this project.

We requested permission to make a copy of this gift to share with our local school districts' Title VII Native American students. The Native American Teaching Specialist, Cristina Edelman is gathering Tribal information from several tribes to share with teachers who want useful teaching aids.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 17 at 3 p.m. in the Mid-America All Indian Center. Please come join us. Bring a friend. You will have the opportunity to meet Vickye, our new Council Liaison and her husband Mike Gordan. They are a very personable couple.



Kim Caliendo tells about the book she borrowed from the Council's lending library

OKC Metro Council receives information from Chickasaw Nation administrators

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council met on the first Tuesday of July at 6 p.m. for dinner and had our monthly meeting at 7 p.m. The council provided smoked turkey and council members brought their own homemade specialties great salads, sides and desserts!! We hope you will join us to share a meal and visit. It's fun! Our guest speakers were: Robyn Elliott, Communications; Wayne Scribner, Housing and Tribal Development; Lona Barrick, Arts and Humanities; Amy Russell, Area offices and Social Services; Pat Woods, Program Operations; Stanley Foster, Facilities and Support; Kirk Perry, Policies and Standards; Karen Cook, Aging Services and Elders; Jalinda Kelly, Administrative Services; Jenny Trent, Chief Financial Administrator; Lisa John, Childcare, Folk, Headstart Program; Deanna Hartley, Attorney General; Bill Lance, Tribal Health Programs; Cheryl Goodson.

Written questions were submitted and answered by the appropriate administrative. We really appreciate the effort it took for all of these representatives of the Administration to travel to our council meeting and be available to answer any questions from our members. Putting a face to the names of those who often help us on the phone was a real treat!

Our float won first place at the Edmond Liberty Fest Parade on July 4! Congratulations to all the people who worked so hard to get this float prepared and thanks to former astronaut, John Herrington, for also spending July 4 with this fellow Oklahoma City Chickasaws!!

Our new liaison, Vickye Gordon, attended our meeting along with Linda Giles and Sharon Nelson. Sharon brought our laptop computer back after the IT department worked its magic on it so it would be compatible with the wifi system at the building.

Legislators Beth Alexander, Katie Case and Donna Hartman also came to share dinner with us and be available for any members who might have questions of them.

PLEASE NOTE: Our next meeting will the second Tuesday, August 12, 2008. Because August is when we elect Board members and many of our members are going on a trip to the St. Persingula Feast Day Corn Dances hosted by the Jemez Tribe of New Mexico, we decided to postpone the August meeting so that more could attend. Please consider serving the council during this very exciting time in our Tribe.

Our speaker will be Ann Fink, Manager/Curator of the Chickasaw Council House Museum.

Remember, we are on the sixth floor of Lakepointe Towers, 4005 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. We welcome everyone to attend our meetings and activities. Contact information, Pam Conard, (405) 973-8127.

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Central and South Texas Councils hear details of home mortgage programs

Kay Perry, Director of Housing Counseling and Loan Services, Chickasaw Nation, present the different mortgage and home loan programs the Chickasaw Nation has to offer.

David Biggers, Director of Mortgage Lending, Bank2, present the different mortgage and home loan programs the Chickasaw Nation has to offer.

The Joint Chickasaw Community Councils of Central and South Texas met at the LBJ Student Center, Texas State University in July. There were 48 Chickasaws, family and friends in attendance.

The audience was shown a video on Drum making which described the method used by Charles Holland, a Central Council member who has offered to help all who want to make their own drum.

The group was also treated to a wonderful and informative presentation by Kay Perry, Director of Housing Counseling and Loan Services, Chickasaw Nation, and David Biggers, Director of Mortgage Lending, Bank2. They explained the mortgage and home loan programs that both the Chickasaw Nation and Bank2 have to offer. It was a very informative program and both speakers answered many questions. Kay also provided applications and brochures on many of the other Housing Division programs. David handed out his cards and informational brochures on the programs available at Bank2. He announced a new website should be up and running by September 1. When this new website is operational, it will allow much more of a person or organization's banking to be done from remote locations.

The speakers both provided brochures and information for the councils to distribute at later meetings. Vickye Gordon, the new Community Council Liaison and her husband Mike were introduced. Vickye informed the group that she would still be the one answering the At-Large hotline and looks forward to meeting the people that make up our Community Councils.

The meeting concluded with a wonderful Potluck dinner, including Pashofa, and the drawing for the pool cue being raffled off by the Central Council. It was won by a non-Chickasaw friend of the Chickasaws in the Austin area.

A number of wonderful door prizes were given including Tshirts, original wood carvings by South Council member Tom Knight and several copies of Dr. Mario Garza's Flute Music CD "Mailtzo's Lament" which he donated for the drawing.

OKC Metro council float takes first in Liberty Fest Parade

The OKC Metro Council's winning float in the July 4 "Liberty Fest 2008" Parade in Edmond, Okla.

Former NASA astronaut and Chickasaw aviator John Herrington was a big part of the July 4 "Liberty Fest 2008" Parade in Edmond, Okla.

Congratulations to the Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council for taking first place in the July 4 "Liberty Fest 2008" parade in Edmond!

The float featured a fresh brush arbor decorated with flags, red, white and blue banners and a red skirt. Men donned ribbon shirts and women wore traditional dresses for the parade.

Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington wore a blue flight suit and rode with the float.

The float was awarded the full 10 points for theme, costumes, patriotism, originality and level of decoration.

Thanks to all OKCMCCC members and others who contributed their time and effort to make this float terrific!

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Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest June 2008 winners

The tribal Division of Housing and Tribal Development sponsors an annual Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest each Spring. This contest is open to all active participants in the Homeowners Program and runs from May through August.

Two winners are selected from the Pontotoc District, Pickens District and Panola/Tishomingo District for the Legislator Award of a month's free house payment. These winners will then advance to compete for the Lt. Governor Award of a $50 Wal-mart gift card. The Lt. Governor's Award winner for June 2008 is Billy Duckworth.

These four winners will then be eligible for the Governor's Award of a $250 Wal-mart gift card. This selection will be made in October.

You can submit your home by calling Diana Faulkner at (580) 421-8800, or by e-mail at Diana.Faulkner@chickasaw.net. A Housing

Representative will be sent to photograph your home and yard.

Good Luck!

Billy Duckworth - Panola / Tishomingo District

Michael Young - Panola / Tishomingo District

Misty Pittman - Pontotoc District

Craig Parnacher - Pontotoc District

Language committee provides practical translations

Let's learn street signs in Chickasaw!

The Chickasaw Language Committee has developed translations for many common street signs. Below are some common street signs along with the signs as they would appear in Chickasaw.

Chickasaw traffic signs (Chikashsha ihina anoli)

Phyllis Carroll - Pickens District

John Lindsey - Pickens District

June 2008 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Allie Glover

Allie Glover

Allie, daughter of Derald and Liz Glover, of Fort Gibson, Okla., is a June 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Outstanding Academics.

Allie is in the fifth grade at Fort Gibson Intermediate Elementary School and was nominated by Superintendent Derald Glover.

"Allie did an outstanding job this past year both in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities," said Mr. Glover.

Allie is a member of the Principal's Honor Roll and received a Top Science and Language Arts award this year. She is active in soccer, basketball and church activities. Allie was recently named the Most Valuable Player of the Oklahoma Prime Time Summer Jam basketball tournament.

"I hope to someday play basketball in college," said Allie. "I plan to always give my best in everything I do."

Jodi Glover

Jodi Glover

Jodi, daughter of Derald and Liz Glover, of Fort Gibson, Okla., is a June 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Jodi is in the eighth grade at Fort Gibson Middle School and was nominated by math teacher and basketball coach Chuck London.

"Jodi is a great leader both on the athletic field and in the classroom," said Mr. London. "She is very deserving of this award."

Jodi is a member of the Superintendent's Honor Roll and received the President's Award for Educational Excellence. She is active in basketball, cross country and track. Jodi enjoys swimming, spending time with friends and family and attending church activities.

"In the future, I hope to play college basketball," said Jodi. "I plan to be the best I can be in everything I do and enjoy my life, family and friends."

Erica Herman

Erica Herman

Erica, daughter of James and Carolyn Herman, of Midwest City, Okla., is a June 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Erica is in the sixth grade at Nicoma Park Intermediate and was nominated by Carolyn Herman.

"Erica has received many awards through academics this year," said Ms. Herman.

Erica received the President's Award for Educational Excellence and represented her school at the People to People Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. in March. She received the Outstanding Academic Achievement award for earning straight A's for six years. Erica also enjoys reading and playing basketball.

"My future goal is to get a job working with children," said Erica. "I have been thinking about being a teacher or pediatrician."

Michelle Kellner

Michelle Kellner

Michelle, daughter of Shanon Shaw, of Salt River, Ariz., is a June 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Michelle is a sophomore at Salt River High School and was nominated by cheerleading coach Wi-bwa Grey.

"Michelle helped the varsity cheer squad work together as a team and stepped up her leadership abilities by helping others improve in tumbling and dance moves," said Ms. Grey. "Michelle is a true leader and a great asset to Salt River High School."

Michelle is a member of the Principal's Honor Roll and was nominated for a leadership award this year. She is also active in the varsity cheer squad. Michelle enjoys reading, writing, walking, drawing and spending time with friends and family.

"In the future, I would like to be a dance performer and a teacher," said Michelle.

Julia Miller

Julia, daughter of Sherry and Tommy Miller, of Ravia, Okla., is a June 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Overall Academics.

Julia is in the fifth grade at Ravia Elementary School and was nominated by Ravia School secretary Debbie Akins.

"Julia is an excellent student," said Ms. Akins. "She really worked hard this year to improve in math and spelling and has achieved both goals."

Julia has won awards in perfect attendance. She plays basketball and softball. Julia also enjoys talking on the phone.

"Someday I would like to attend college and become a teacher," said Julia.

Victoria Miller

Victoria, daughter of Sherry and Tommy Miller, of Ravia, Okla., is a June 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Overall Academics.

Victoria is in the seventh grade at Ravia Middle School and was nominated by Ravia School secretary Debbie Akins.

Alene Tharp

"Victoria has worked really hard to reach her goals," said Ms. Akins. "She has improved in each one of them."

Victoria has achieved perfect attendance awards and handwriting awards. She enjoys cheerleading and playing softball and basketball.

"After I go to high school, I want to go to college and become a professional softball player," said Victoria.

Alene Tharp

Alene, daughter of Keith and Lisa Tharp, of Fruitvale, Texas, is a June 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Music.

Alene is in the seventh grade at Grace at Home Christian School. She was nominated by Principal Lisa Tharp.

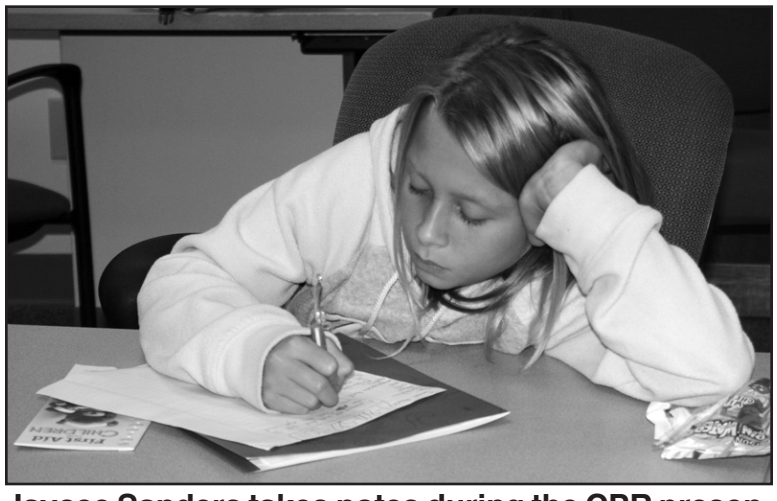
"Alene was selected as one of eleven students to play alongside the East Texas Symphony Orchestra," said Mrs. Tharp. "I am very proud of her."

Alene performed with the East Texas Symphony Orchestra on April 26. The selection process was a complex process that involved performance level, balance and adherence to repertoire orchestration. Alene put a lot of hard work in preparation for the performance by participating in intense rehearsals and coordinating with guest trio performances.

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.

Teens learn child care essentials during Babysitters College

Alyssa King studies a handout during an interactive session at the Babysitters College.


Jaycee Sanders takes notes during the CPR presentation at the Babysitters College.

Several Chickasaw Nation Health System departments collaborated to teach teens basic babysitting information at the Babysitters College on June 17-18, 2008.

Education and information provided included: formula preparation, diaper changing and dressing, age appropriate activities, first aid and safety.

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.

Remote sensing at the 18th Century Village of Chisha' talla'

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

John Ray Beasley walked and plowed his land in Tupelo, Mississippi, for 45 years, and knew long before he met an archaeologist that the land he called Cedarscape once had been home to Chickasaws. Concentrations of their largely fragmented possessions dotted the landscape while more isolated pieces turned up via the plow or erosion.

The variety of Native made durable products were fashioned mainly from clay, stone and animal bone. John Ray also found European made materials such as glass trade beads of many sizes, color and design, gun parts and a variety of metal tools. Occasionally, he came upon bones he thought were human, eroding out of an embankment or in a gully. At one point when he was building a barn, he unearthed a bear skull that looked like it had been embedded in what had been a long wall. He wondered what its meaning may have been to the Indians who put it there.

He was curious about this long-gone civilization, and experienced artifact collectors who lived in and around Tupelo could answer some of his questions. From them, he understood that the great bulk of the artifacts was still underground. Over the years, wind and water stirred the thin topsoil on the ridge top and covered most of what the tribe couldn't take with them on their Trail of Tears to Indian Territory.

Since John Ray couldn't see any signs of cemeteries, he believed if he dug for artifacts he might disturb other human remains. So he didn't dig or permit others to bring in their metal detectors and shovels. Consequently, Cedarscape remained pretty much intact from 1963 until 2005 when John Ray and his wife, Lottye Betts Beasley, sold the remaining 35 acres, downsized and relocated to a small plot of land on adjacent property.

When Jessica Crawford of the Archaeological Conservancy told the tribe in 2005 that her organization wanted to buy Cedarscape to preserve it, Gov. Bill Anoatubby provided a grant for the purchase price. In return, the Conservancy agreed to lease the land to the tribe for 99 years when it was ready to begin developing an interpretive center there. That time came in 2007

But how could the tribe develop an interpretive center on sacred land that was to be preserved?

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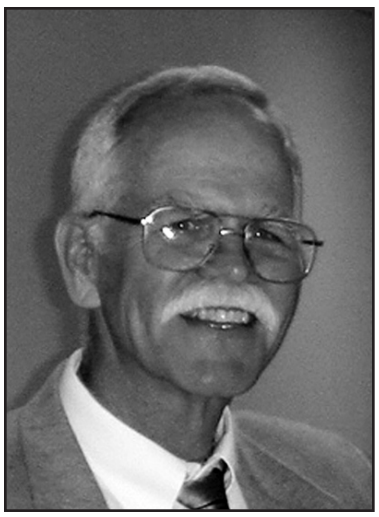
The answer, it turns out, was based on the principal that the earth has a measurable magnetic field, and that objects in the earth have different magnetic values. These values may be processed electronically by a skilled technician to provide two-dimensional information about underground objects of interest. Images appear on a computer monitor as dark shapes amid a white grid divided into meters.

The technology is referred to as remote sensing, and one of the most experienced teams of practitioners in the U.S. is located at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, just 47 miles west of Tupelo. The team is led by Jay Johnson, Ph.D. director of the university's Center for Archaeological Research.

Not only does Johnson have several years of experience with the technology, but he has even more experience researching Chickasaw history and archaeology. In the late 1980s, Johnson was the first scholar to publish a computer-based analysis of historical and archaeological data indicating that historic Chickasaws lived almost exclusively on ridge tops in the Tupelo area.

In advance of a developer beginning to construct the Meadowbrook housing addition in Tupelo in 1990, he was contacted by the state of Mississippi to conduct a salvage archaeology excavation there on land strewn with Chickasaw potsherds. After recovering the human remains and analyzing the artifacts, he wrote that the evidence indicated the land had been occupied by Chickasaws in the middle part of the 18th century.

In 2000, Johnson was a co-principal investigator of a multidisciplinary research project involving Chickasaw archaeology. It was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and endorsed by the Chickasaw Nation. The team



Dr. Jay Johnson

studied the original excavation reports from the 1930s and '40s and re-analyzed a large collection of artifacts and human remains, most of which had been stored at the Southeastern Archaeological Center in Tallahassee, Florida. (In 1998, I had seen them there stored on sliding shelves contained in large cabinets.) Johnson's Meadowbrook collection was also added to the study and in the team's final report to NEH in 2004, the occupation range of the village was changed to the late 18th century.

That report was the official end of the research, but for many Chickasaws the book was not closed on the project until the human remains and artifacts were reburied by the tribe in a private ceremony at an undisclosed location on land owned by the Natchez Trace Parkway near Tupelo.

In 2000, Ole Miss purchased the remote sensing equipment and Johnson and his team have been honing their skills with the technology in sites around the state. This includes work where the Mississippi Department of Transportation is expanding state Highway 6, only a few miles from Chisha' talla'.

With this background in mind, the Chickasaw Nation invited Johnson to submit a proposal to survey electronically 10 acres of the approximately 35 acre site. The tribe hoped to obtain a useful and educational map of the remnants of the village without destroying data the way excavation does.

Johnson's proposal was accepted, the work was performed and he wrote a summary of the raw data. He also recommended that the Nation fund another survey of about 10 acres, and that also was approved. That work was completed this past spring and Johnson recently submitted a 20-page preliminary report on the 20 acres surveyed, including photos, graphs and recommendations.

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The Beasleys, Johnson and tribal members who have walked the land all agree that potsherds may be found in all parts of the preserve in which the ground is visible. That suggests the site's density of population and length of Chickasaw occupation. The approximately 20 acres that were surveyed were divided into four areas that were chosen because of potentially important prior findings and to rule in or out a location for a possible visitor's center.

Gov. Anoatubby appointed a committee to devise plans for the Chisha' talla' interpretive center. The members recommended a location adjacent to a majestic pin oak tree near the entrance of the preserve from state Highway 6. Using the remote sensing equipment, Johnson's team found several underground "anomalies" that couldn't be identified. Johnson thought that one or two might be trash pits that were used by Chickasaw families adjacent to their houses. If so, the visitor center couldn't be built there because of the likelihood that burials might be disturbed since they were typically dug underneath the houses.

To investigate the anomalies, the team did some shovel testing and dug two "excavation units" that were each one meter square. The anomalies proved not to be trash pits and it appears [from the results] that no intact Chickasaw features remain in Area 1," wrote Johnson, adding that it seemed safe to build a visitor center near the pin oak tree.

One goal of remote sensing was to see if the remnants of Chickasaw house sites could be detected at Chisha' talla'. Johnson said he had not found a house site with prior electronic surveys in Chickasaw areas, but given the presumed sizeable number of houses, he would have plenty of opportunity particularly near the bluff overlooking the Coonewah Creek valley.

The problem, Johnson said, was that previously the signs or markers of Chickasaw house sites had not been detected by the instruments. One marker was the house's post holes; another was human graves underneath many of the houses. Both post holes and burials were characterized by a darker shade of soil, which presented a different magnetic reading. But Johnson suspected that these markers were too small to be picked up by the instruments.

Another marker was the clay, called daub, which Chickasaws used for plastering their winter homes, but only if the clay had been fired, say, when attacking Choctaws set the house on fire. The burned daub presented a distinctive magnetic reading from its surroundings, but Johnson postulated that it was still difficult to distinguish from other anomalies in the earth. Another substantial problem was that 20th century scraps of metal strewn about many parts of the preserve made detecting Chickasaw artifacts in those areas difficult if not impossible.

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The team surveyed Area 2 along the bluff for the signs of Chickasaw occupation that John Ray Beasley felt sure should be there. But they were also looking for signs of the remnants of a palisaded fort wall which they had been told ran along the top of the bluff. And not just told. In fact in 2005, former artifact collectors Steve Cook and Julian Riley had spaced surveyor flags along the bluff in three parallel lines, indicating to them three fort walls. They said they had detected the linear patterns by using standard metal detectors set to detect magnetic signals from burned daub.

The English and French colonial documents provide references to many early- to mid-18th century Chickasaw villages that included forts, some with double walls a few feet apart. When the town was under attack, most of

*See **Chisha' talla',** page 42*

Christina Allison Gilliland

Christina Allison Gilliland is a 2008 graduate of Edgewood High School, Ellettsville, Indiana. She is the daughter of Bill and Tina Gilliland. She is the granddaughter of Frank and Jean Smith and the great-granddaughter of Bill and Christine Lacy. She is the great-great-great-granddaughter of Christina "Tina" Harrison, who is on the Chickasaw roll.

Allison received a 3.99 GPA and was honored salutatorian of her class. She is among 20 students who were accepted to the Integrated Freshman Learning Experience program, a six-week research program at Indiana University. She will be conducting research in molecular genetics of plant/pathogen interactions with the Associate Chair for Research, Dr. Roger Innes.

She will be attending Indiana University in the fall, majoring in biology. She received $16,000 in scholarships from Indiana University and has received the Millennium and Governor's Scholarship from the Chickasaw Nation.

Tessa Leigh Manning

Tessa Leigh Manning, M.D., is a 2008 graduate of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, earning her Doctorate in medicine. She is the daughter of Danny and Cindy Walker, of Boswell, Okla., and Joe Burgess, of Kemp, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Zoe Lee and the late Joe Lee, of Boswell, Byron and Bobbie Burgess, of Kemp, and Bobbie Walker, of Hugo, Okla. She would also like to recognize other Chickasaw family members including Sam Manning, of Irving, Texas, Jimmy and Patsi Manning, of Ardmore, Okla., and James and Barbara Manning, of Ada, Okla.

Dr. Manning graduated from Boswell High School in 1999 as valedictorian. She subsequently graduated in 2004 from the University of Oklahoma earning her bachelor of science degree in biochemistry. She was awarded the Junior and Senior Chemistry Student of the Year Awards while at OU. During medical school, Dr. Manning won the North Texas Society for Psychiatric Physicians Award for Outstanding Psychiatry Student and the American Medical Women's Association Office of the Year award for her work with organizing Domestic Violence Awareness Week. Upon graduation she was also inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honors Society, which only includes the top quartile of students as measured by academic success. She will be starting residency in psychiatry at UT Southwestern in Dallas this July.

After completing residency she will fulfill a four-year service obligation to the Indian Health Service, hopefully with the Chickasaw Nation.

Dr. Manning would also like to sincerely thank the Chickasaw Nation for all of their assistance with her educational endeavors.

Pvt. Phillip Thomas Prince

Pvt. Phillip Thomas Prince graduated from Basic Training at the U.S. Army Base in Fort Benning, Georgia, on June 20, 2008. He is the son of Judy Thomas, Ada, Okla., who works for the Chickasaw Housing and Tribal Development, and Darryl Prince of Stonewall, Okla.

Congratulations Phillip!

Holly Murray Winn

Holly Murray Winn is a 2008 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison with an executive MBA degree. She is the daughter of Mary Alice Murray Winn and Ron, of Galesville, Wisc. She is the granddaughter of Burbank and Elsie Murray and the great-granddaughter of Governor William H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray and Mary Alice Hearrell (niece of Governor Douglas H. Johnston of the Chickasaw Nation).

Holly is employed as the Director of Human Resources and Ancillary Services at the Black River Falls Memorial Hospital in Wisconsin.

Stacy LaDawn Green-Williams

Stacy LaDawn Green-Williams completed the practical nursing classes at Pontotoc Technology Center, Ada, Okla., and participated in the June 30 commencement exercises.

The Chickasaw Nation sponsored Mrs. Williams throughout her training. The tribe enabled her to improve her quality of life through one of the many education programs available to all Chickasaws who want to pursue their education endeavors – a stepping stone to a successful career.

Mrs. Williams is passionate about nursing and loves caring for and helping people.

Her future plans are to pursue a registered nursing degree.

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Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the $100 giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

CNHS professionals cited

Tribal health system providers honored for top performance

From left, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Debra Poe, Mary McClure, Carrie Law, Amy Henley, Alice Cozad, Chebon Buck, Dr. R. Michael Black and CNHS administrator Bill Lance.

Several Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) employees were honored for their outstanding performance, integrity and dedication at the Indian Health Service (IHS) Area Director's Awards Ceremony on July 24, 2008 in Oklahoma City.

The Oklahoma City Area IHS honors health care workers for Indian Health Service as well as tribes and urban clinics that have made exceptional contributions in their areas of work.

Dr. Robert Michael Black received the prestigious IHS Merit Award. This award recognizes individuals who demonstrate significant, substantial and measurable contributions to their organization while also demonstrating leadership, dedicated service and commitment.

Dr. Black is Chief of Surgery at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. He has served as the health system orthopedic provider for 12 years and is set to retire this year. Dr. Black has made many contributions to CNHS, including developing efficiencies within the surgery department as well as educational opportunities for staff.

In 1996, when Dr. Black was hired, CNHS began one of the area's first orthopedic services. In January 2005, Dr. Black began the first total knee and hip replacement program, which has dramatically improved the quality of life of many Chickasaw citizens.

"The success of the Chickasaw Nation Health System is not measured by the number of facilities and services, but by the efforts of visionary leaders like Dr. Black, who continually strive to meet the needs of the people he serves," said Lisa Bumpus, CNHS deputy administrator.

Awards were also presented to employees exhibiting longstanding service to IHS, tribal and urban clinics. Alice Cozad and Dr. John Garber received 30-year service awards for their dedication to providing excellent health services to American Indian people.

The Peer Recognition Award recognizes employees who are engaged in performing duties in any occupational area. The award enables employees to nominate a co-worker in recognition of noteworthy accomplishments.

Amy Henley, Chebon Buck, Mary McClure, Dr. Kenneth Lang, Carrie Law and Debra Poe received Peer Recognition Awards.

Ms. Henley is the clinic coordinator for the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Family Practice Clinic. She has served in this role for two years and plays an integral role in the clinic's success.

Mr. Buck is the biomedical equipment technician for CNHS. He maintains all medical equipment repairs throughout the health system. He has been a dedicated employee for 28 years.

Ms. McClure has served as the lab supervisor for the Chickasaw Nation Family Practice Clinic for ten years. She ensures that patients receive timely and accurate laboratory tests.

Dr. Lang serves as the medical director for the Durant Indian Health Clinic. Dr. Lang has more than 30 years of medical experience.

Ms. Law is the pharmacy supervisor at the Purcell Indian Health Clinic. She actively contributes to providing educational opportunities to area students by welcoming them into the clinic.

Ms. Poe serves as the administrative assistant for the Tishomingo clinic. She has also acted as the deputy clinic coordinator during the past year.

"It is an honor to recognize the CNHS staff that received awards here today," said Bill Lance, CNHS Administrator. "Each of these individuals strive daily, through hard work and dedication, to make sure each patient receives the highest quality care."

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby accompanied CNHS employees as they were presented their awards.

"The Chickasaw Nation is proud to recognize these devoted employees for their dedication and hard work," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Each team member provides a vital role in helping to create our vision of healthy American Indians through informed choices and excellent health services."

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.

Carl Albert main laboratory awarded College of American Pathologists accreditation

The Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Main Laboratory, Ada, Okla., has been awarded an accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

The laboratory's director was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided."

Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Main Laboratory is one of the more than 6,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

During the CAP accreditation process, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine the entire staff's qualifications, the laboratory's equipment, facilities, safety program and record, as well as the overall management of the laboratory.

This stringent inspection program is designed to specifically ensure the highest standard of care for the laboratory's patients.

The College of American Pathologists is a medical society serving nearly 16,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance. The CAP is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective medical care.

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Steel skeleton going up as health care facility takes shape

The new Chickasaw Nation health care facility in Ada, Oklahoma has rapidly transformed in just a few short weeks from what appeared to be just piles of dirt into the skeleton of the much awaited state-of-the-art medical facility.

Dirt work on the hospital pad took several weeks to complete and workers labored steadily to install concrete piers to connect the foundation and metal structure that will support the 370,000 square-foot health care facility. Steel began arriving at the construction site in mid-June and the building's framework is rapidly taking shape.

The new campus will house a 72-bed hospital, level 3 emergency department, ambulatory care facility, diabetes care center, dental clinic, diagnostic imaging center and women's health center.

The imaging center will encompass approximately 13,000 square feet and will include a computed tomography (CT) scan, a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) system and women's imaging with mammography, ultrasound and bone scan.

The new technology will enhance patient care and enable providers to be able to view images at their computers. Because of this new process, reports will be available much more quickly, enabling providers to offer the highest quality patient care with a shorter wait time for patients.

Having an MRI unit located on the new campus will impact patient care greatly with improved access to exams. Its use will also enhance many services including orthopedics, physical therapy and surgery.

In addition to the MRI and CT scan services offered to patients through the new imaging center, several opportunities will be offered in the area of women's imaging. The new women's imaging capabilities will offer convenience and privacy through the caring environment at CNHS. The new space will provide adequate room for exams and will be handicapped accessible.

The Dual Energy X-ray Absorptiometry (DEXA) scan and digital mammography will offer many advances in diagnostic treatment. The DEXA scan, using two X-ray beams, provides an effective method of measuring bone density.

Studies have shown digital mammography images are often superior to film images. Many Native American women have dense fibrocystic tissue, making the digital images the preferred choice for diagnostic purposes.

Through the diagnostic services offered and technological advances, CNHS deputy administrator, Lisa Bumpus, hopes to offer patients positive results through early diagnosis and treatment plans.

"We strive to offer better quality of life, the sooner treatment can start, the better the outcome for patients," Ms. Bumpus said.

The new technologies and expanded services offered at the new hospital will not limit providers in ordering additional studies if warranted for the patient.

The imaging center will be located on the first floor of the new hospital, directly off of the public concourse.

Workers install steel at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

Online pharmacy refill center now available

Carl Albert Indian Health Facility patients and Family Practice Clinic patients can now refill medications using the new online pharmacy refill center. The process is simple and takes just a few short minutes.

Follow the steps below:

1) Gather your medication bottles because you will need the 8 digit prescription number listed on the bottle.

2) Visit www.chickasaw.net and look under the "I would like to" section located on the right side of the page. Click on "Refill a Carl Albert or Family Practice Prescription"

2) Next, you will be prompted to enter your health record number (chart number) and password. If you have not used this service before, please click the "New Registration" button below the login field to complete and submit the registration form.

4) Once you have logged in, a drop down menu will appear. Please use the down arrow button to select the prescription processing option and press the select button to begin entering your prescription numbers for refills.

For assistance please call the pharmacy between the hours of 8 a.m.– 8 p.m. CST at 1-800-851-9136 or e-mail pharmacyrefill@chickasaw.net.

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Get Fresh! Cooking Shows

August 2008

Ada Nutrition Services
August 5 and 7: Diabetes Prevention
August 12 and 14: Desserts to Live For
Class times are 10 a.m. and noon.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center
August 6: Diabetes Prevention
August 13: Desserts to Live For
Class times are 10 a.m. and noon.
August 14 at 6 p.m.: Desserts to Live For

For more information, call 580-272-5506.

Purcell Nutrition Services
August 5 at 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.: Diabetes Prevention
August 8 at 10 a.m. and noon: Diabetes Prevention
August 12 at 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.: Desserts to Live For
August 15 at 10 a.m. and noon: Desserts to Live For

For more information, call 405-527-6967.

Ardmore Nutrition Services
August 5 and 6: Diabetes Prevention
August 12 and 13: Desserts to Live For
Class times 10 a.m. and noon.

For more information, call 580-226-8289.

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Kids get cooking the healthy way with Get Fresh! tips

The Get Fresh! program conducted several children's cooking classes during July. One set of sessions was customized for four- to seven-year-olds, and another session was created for eight- to 13-year-olds.

Participants in the four- to seven-year-old group learned about proper hand washing and kitchen safety. The class taught children how to prepare easy, nutritious and fun snacks including: banana in a blanket, microwave popcorn, trail mix, fruit and yogurt parfait and lunch wraps.

Participants in the eight- to 13-year-old group learned about food safety, food handling techniques, proper handling of knives and kitchen fire safety. The recipes created during this session included: cheese straws, garden pita pizza, fruit and yogurt muffins, french toast, oatmeal cookies, and grapedillas.

Participants were able to make the recipes, taste what they made and also take a sample home for family members to try.

The Get Fresh! Program plans to host more kid's cooking classes in the fall. For more information on upcoming classes, call (580) 272-5506.

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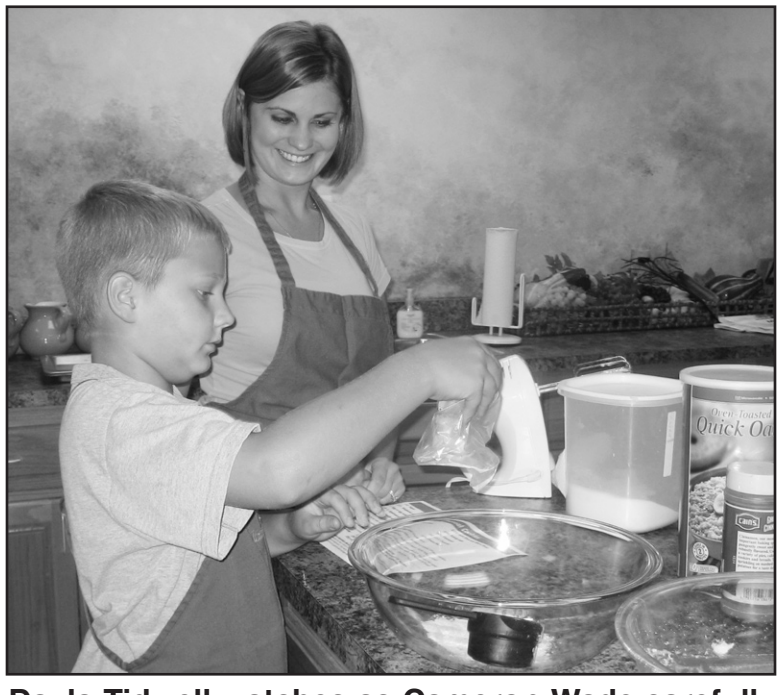
Madisen and Makenna Moore create a fun snack at the Ardmore Nutrition Services cooking class.

Trey Wilson and Malorie Porter prepare strawberries for fruit and yogurt parfaits.



Dayla Tidwell watches as Cameron Wade carefully measures ingredients.

Zeke Russell shows his healthy snack creation to Crystal Wade.

Fruit and Yogurt Muffins

- 1 c. All-purpose flour
- 1 c. Wheat flour
- 1 c. White sugar
- 1 t. Baking soda
- 1 t. Baking powder
- 1 (8 oz) Low-fat Blueberry flavored yogurt
- 1 Egg
- 1 t. Vanilla extract
- 4 T. Butter or margarine trans-free, melted
- 2 c. Blueberries

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Grease 18 muffin cups or line with paper muffin liners.
3. Stir together flour, sugar, baking soda and baking powder.
4. In a separate bowl, combine yogurt, egg, vanilla, butter and blueberries.
5. Stir mixtures together just until combined; batter will be very thick.
6. Scoop into prepared muffin cups.
7. Bake in preheated oven for 25 minutes.

***Option** – Substitute your favorite fruit with the yogurt of your choice.

Makes 20 muffins

Nutrition Information per serving:
110 calories; 3 g fat; 21 g carbohydrates; 10 mg cholesterol; 125 mg sodium; 2 g protein; 1 g fiber

Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services

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MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

Tip of the Month

A sedentary way of life induces a feeling of tiredness. With regular exercise, your blood flow will improve and you'll find yourself more energetic than before. Exercise is even more important if your job entails sitting down all day long. Many people work at a desk all day and then go home and watch TV in the evening! Over time this will be really detrimental to your overall health.

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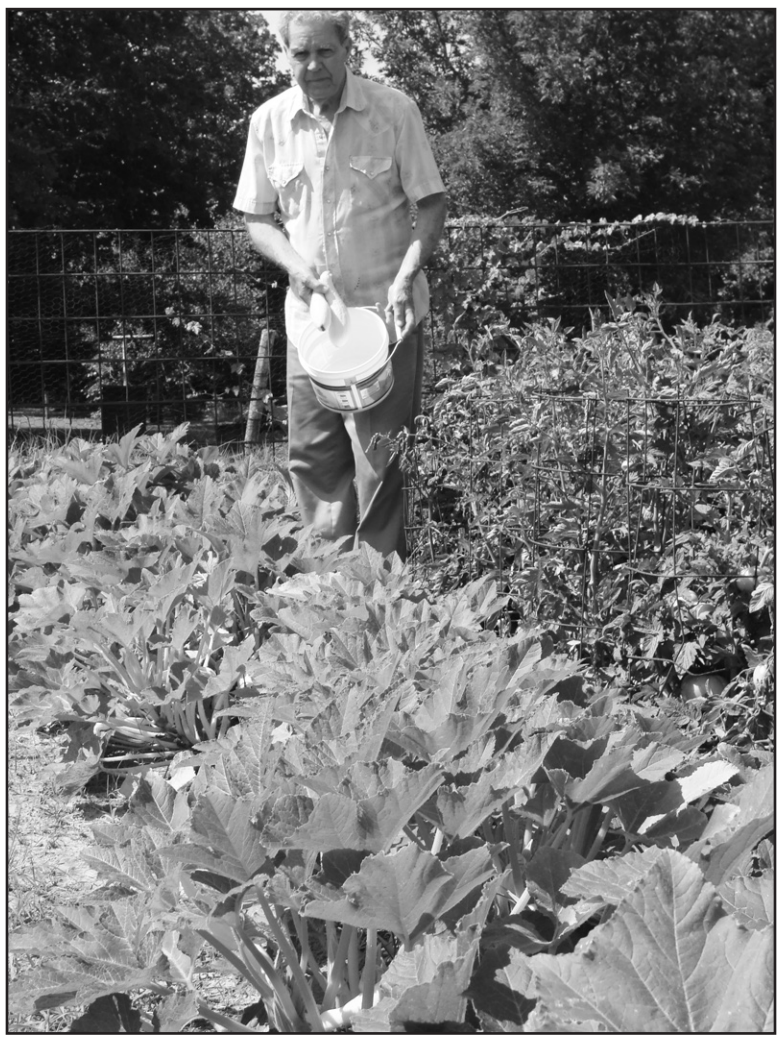

Rev. Ivy Henson works in his garden.

The Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! program, along with the Chickasaw Nation Community Gardens, provided seeds to Get Fresh! participants during the month of February. Many participants who received the seeds are beginning to see an abundance of fresh produce growing in their home gardens.

The journey that enabled participants to benefit from the seed give-away began in October 2007. Get Fresh! program staff conducted a Three Sisters show in the fall to educate participants about the Native American Three Sisters, - corn, beans and squash - as well as companion planting. Through a generous offer from the Community Gardens, the lesson was taken one step further by offering clients seeds during early spring. Get Fresh! food demonstration specialist coordinator, Alicson Scott, says the main goal for providing the seeds to participants was "to offer clients fresh vegetables to grow that fit in with what was also grown culturally by Chickasaws in their traditional gardens."

The Three Sisters of Native American agriculture are corn, beans and squash. These three plants were used by Native American tribes throughout North America. A system was developed that used the three plants, later called "companion planting." The three plants act as companions by helping each other maximize growing conditions.

Corn or the Chickasaw word tunchi. Corn is considered the oldest sister. She stands tall in the center. She also serves as support for climbing pole beans.

Squash or the Chickasaw word olbi. Squash is the next sister. She grows over the ground, serving as protection from weeds and offers shade to the soil, keeping it cool and moist.

Beans or the Chickasaw word bala. Beans are the third sister. She climbs the squash and then up the corn to bind all together as she reaches for the sun. Beans help keep the soil fertile by converting the sun's energy into nitrogen that helps the plants grow. As beans grow, they tend to use the stored nitrogen as food.

The lifestyle changes that have occurred over the past 200 years among Indian people have contributed to the high incidence of disabling diseases, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. One of the goals of the Get Fresh! Program is to help participants regain or adopt healthy diet and physical activity habits.

More than 270 participants received seeds for pole beans, summer squash and sweet corn during the Get Fresh! initiative. Rev. Ivy Henson, 82-year-old Chickasaw elder, was a program recipient. Rev. Henson's daughter, Kathy Bean, says her father has benefited greatly from planting a garden this year.

"It has helped to keep him active," said Bean.

Rev. Henson normally plants a garden each year, and is thankful for all of the services and benefits provided by the Chickasaw Nation. In addition to the seeds provided through the Get Fresh! Program and the Community Gardens, Henson also received tomato, squash and banana pepper plants through the Ardmore Senior Site.

For more information about the Get Fresh! Program, call (580) 272-5506.

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Three Sisters Stew

1 lb. ground beef
2 c. yellow onions, diced
6 c. water
2 14.2-oz cans no salt diced tomatoes
6 c red-skinned potatoes, cubed
1 15-oz can unsalted tomato sauce
1 c. corn (frozen is best)
1 c. yellow squash, diced
1 c. zucchini, diced
1 15.5-oz can light red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 15.8-oz can black-eyed peas, drained and rinsed
½ c. quick-cooking barley
4 cloves of garlic, minced
1 ½ t. cracked black pepper

Makes 12-1 ½ c. servings

In a skillet, BROWN ground beef and onions. RINSE and DRAIN meat. In a large stock pot, ADD all ingredients. BRING to a boil, then LOWER heat and SIMMER for 30-45 minutes until the potatoes are soft.

Venison, turkey, bison—fresh or dried could be used.

Nutrition Information: 280 calories; 3 g fat; 25 mg cholesterol; 85 mg sodium; 49 g carbohydrates; 10 g dietary fiber; 17 g protein.

Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services

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Sulphur Farmers' Market

Friday mornings through October 31, 2008 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Sulphur Area Office parking lot, 4970 W. Hwy 7 (2 miles W. of Sulphur)

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Breastfeeding week highlights benefits of natural method

Lori Spann, left, WIC breastfeeding peer counselor, visits Lori Cotanny and twins Taylor and Taryn.

World Breastfeeding Week is August 1-8, 2008. This special week is a time for celebrating mothers who strive daily through discipline, education, training and encouragement to attain a gold standard of performance.

Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of a baby's life and adding appropriate complimentary foods to breast milk for the second half of the first year, and thereafter as long as mother and baby both desire is considered the gold standard for infant nutrition. A mother's body can supply her baby's nutritional needs. Human milk is the best nutrition for human babies. Everyone benefits when mothers breastfeed their babies. Carefully consider the following:

According to the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action, babies and children who are breastfed have a decreased risks of:

- mortality
- respiratory infection
- diarrhea and other infections
- obesity
- diabetes
- asthma and wheeze
- childhood cancers
- abnormal development

Mothers who breastfeed are less likely to experience:

- breast and ovarian cancer
- type II diabetes
- early return of menstrual periods and fertility
- less time between pregnancies
- financial burden of formula

The Chickasaw Nation WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program would like to thank the businesses in the community who have already answered the call for community support by welcoming breastfeeding mothers and their nursing babies in their establishments. Several community partners display decals stating "Nursing mothers and babies welcome." The Chickasaw Nation is proud to support breastfeeding mothers by helping to give babies the best start.

Lori Cotanny is a great role model for working breastfeeding mothers and mothers of twins. Mrs. Cotanny, along with her husband Waylon and their daughter Triniti, welcomed the newborns Taylor and Taryn on March 4, 2008. Mrs. Cotanny is employed by the Chickasaw Nation Treasury Division. She has been able to exclusively breastfeed the twins and they are doing very well.

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Department has a support program designed to assist breastfeeding mothers. The WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program was established to provide support and education to mothers who want to breastfeed. Peer counselors are available in all WIC locations and surrounding areas in the following cities: Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan and Purcell. Debra Cox, a board certified breastfeeding consultant, coordinates the program and offers specialized help to moms having difficulties establishing breastfeeding.

The program's goal is to make breastfeeding the preferred method of infant feeding for all mothers as is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. For help and support in the area of breastfeeding, call (580) 399-2002, (580) 310-6420, or the toll free breastfeeding warm line, (888) 439-8970.

Above information provided by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) and Breastfeeding and the Use of Human Milk. Pediatrics 2005; 115; 496-506

Debra Cox, right, WIC breastfeeding coordinator, presents Cassandra McGilbray and her son Brayden with a gold medal of achievement for successfully breastfeeding and awards her department the decal for supporting nursing mothers and babies.

Did You Know?

Oklahoma Supports Breastfeeding Mothers Through Legislation.

HB 2102 states mothers have the right to breastfeed anywhere they have a right to be, and shall be excused from jury duty upon request.

HB 2358 states breastfeeding mothers may use unpaid break and mealtimes to breastfeed or express breast milk at work.

Employers are urged to provide a private work area for this purpose.

Support essential for guidance, encouragement

Fior Newman, WIC breastfeeding peer counselor, and her daughter Nicole Newman, 18 months.

Fior Newman loves having the opportunity to help other breastfeeding mothers, like herself, through the Chickasaw Nation WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program. She and other peer counselors educate program participants about the positive impact breastfeeding can have on the health of their children.

"There is no a better way to feel that closeness to your baby than to feed the baby with the best milk in the world that is always just the right temperature. Even though that baby can't talk, when it looks at you it is like it is telling you in every feeding, 'I love you, mom,'" said Ms. Newman.

Ms. Newman has learned many new techniques and teaching methods through her training with the peer counselor program, and she is using every opportunity to pass on her knowledge and support to breastfeeding moms. She stresses the importance of having a good support system when breastfeeding. Whether a spouse, friend or relative, it is important to have someone to offer guidance and encouragement. Ms. Newman and all other peer counselors are available to provide support for moms who want to breastfeed.

"You always need somebody who will reassure you," said Ms. Newman. "I help moms throughout challenging times and knowing that those children are our future men and women and we want a healthier future for our young ones."

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Letters to Editor:

Dear Editor:

On Saturday, June 21, eleven members of our family attended the "Gathering" in Portland, Oregon.

We had a ball! It was a first for all of us. The eldest attending tribal member of the tribe from our family was Thomas (Tom) Young , of Kalama, Washington, age 78 and the youngest was Harold Thomas Audubon Baker, a great-grandchild, who was one day short of four weeks.

We all want you to know we were very impressed with the presentations and the presenters. What a fabulous job by all your crew! They were all so friendly and relaxed. We really would have liked for them to stay a few days, so we could show them around our part of the country. We learned a lot and took home a wealth of information, plus some really GOOD candy!

I am enclosing pictures, so that you can remember who we were.

Thank you so very much!

The Young, Baker, Hobbs and Barber Family

To The Editor:

I just want to say a Big Thank You to each and everyone that was involved in building my daughter Patricia Jo Byrd a ramp. She is really enjoying it.

We both really appreciate it.

You guys really did a great job.

And thanks for the ones that got this started so a Big Thanks again to all of you.

Mary Jo Byrd

To the Editor and Staff:

Would you please print a thank you to Alex Miller and his crew from the Chickasaw Nation Landscaping Department of Ardmore for the great work they are doing taking care of the lawns, yards and properties for us Chickasaws?

They do a wonderful job mowing and trimming trees and shrubs. Also loading and hauling away what they trim off.

From the time they unload the mowers until they finish, they never stop.

We thank and appreciate you, Alex and Crew.

O.D. Bane and Faye Bigbie

Ringling, Okla.

Chickasaw Foundation's 7th Annual Cultural Evening set for October 3

Please mark your calendars to join us on Friday, October 3, 2008 at the new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur for our 7th annual Cultural Evening as part of the Chickasaw Festival. This will be a sneak preview of the new cultural center. We will have a night full of cultural events you won't want to miss. Attendees will also be able to participate in a special time capsule ceremony. If you have any questions, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

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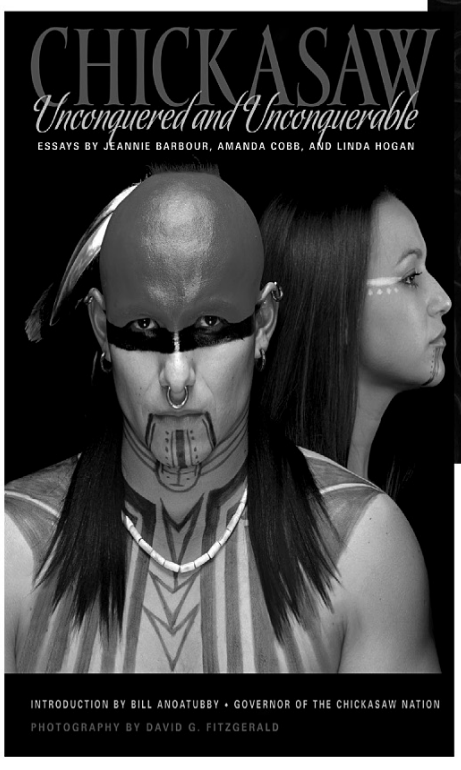
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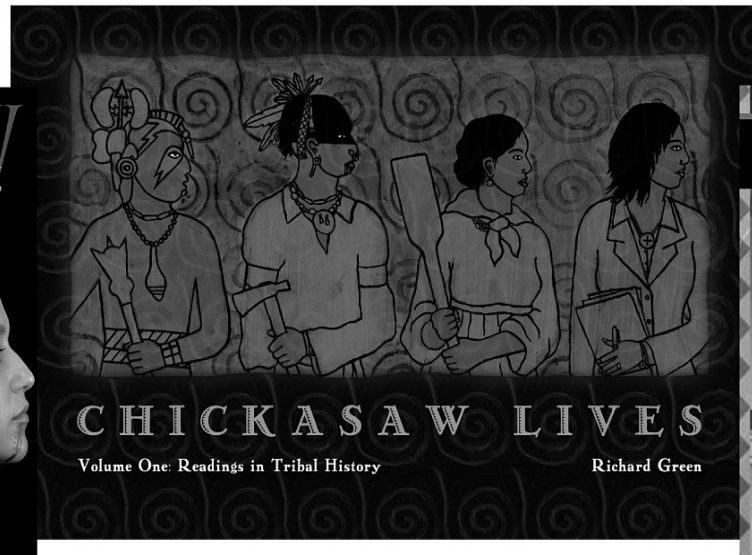

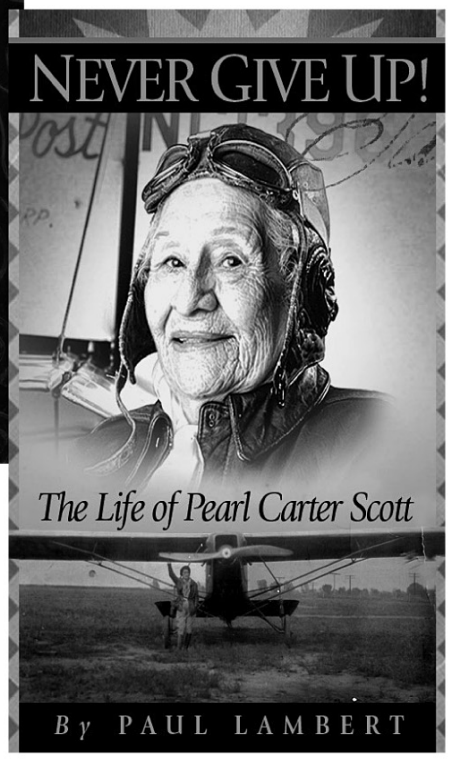

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General Resolution Number 25-068, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Ms. Pauline Brown

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Pauline Brown to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Brown has served on the Board for many years and will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

A motion was made by Ms. Case and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-068.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-068 carried unanimously

General Resolution Number 25-069, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Mr. Tim Baugh

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Tim Baugh to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Baugh will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25-069.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-069 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-070, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Ms. Mary Hartley

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Mary Hartley to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Hartley will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2008.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25-070.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert,Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-070 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-071, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Ms. Lisa Impson

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Lisa Impson to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Impson will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parkerto approve GR25-071.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-071 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-072, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Ms. Dinah Worcester

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Dinah Worcester to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Worcester will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

A motion was made by Ms. Case and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-072.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert,Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-072 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-073 Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Mr. Steven Bond

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Steven Bond to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Bond will fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR25-073.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert,Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-073 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-074, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority, Brian Campbell

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Brian Campbell to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees to fill a term of office ending on October 1, 2010.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR25-074.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-074 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-075, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority, Frank Johnson

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Frank Johnson to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Johnson has been on the Board for several years. He will fill a term of office which will end on October 1, 2010. Mr. Johnson is also the current Executive Director of the Utility Authority.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR25-075.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-075 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-076, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority, Linda Briggs

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Linda Briggs to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Ms. Briggs has been on the Board since 1997. She will fill a term of office which will end on October 1, 2010.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR25-076.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-076 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-077, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority, Ron Hartin

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Ron Hartin to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Hartin will fill a term of office which will end on October 1, 2009.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25-077.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert,Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-077 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-078, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority, Mike Talley

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Michael Talley to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Talley was first appointed to the Board in 2003. This reappointment will be for a term of office which will end on October 1, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms.

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Case to approve GR25-078.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-078 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 25-056, Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore County Tribal

Tract 725

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of Shale Royalties 5, Inc., Dallas, Texas. Shale Royalties 5, Inc. has submitted an acceptable bid of $595.00 per acre for a total bonus of $11,900.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $2,975.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 40.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $60.00. The

Chickasaw Nation will receive $15.00 per annum and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mr. Worez to approve GR25-056.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-056 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-057, Oil and Gas Lease in Coal County

Tribal Tract 10

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Somerset Lease Holdings, Inc., of Dallas, Texas. Somerset Lease Holdings, Inc. has submitted an acceptable bid of $9,100.00 per acre for a total bonus of $93,002.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $23,250.50, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 20.44 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $30.66. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $7.67 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25-057.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-057 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-058, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Pontotoc County Oklahoma, containing 10.01 acres more or less. Planned usage is for the expansion of Kullihoma Tracts.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25-058.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-058 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-059, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County Oklahoma containing 17.63 acres, more or less for the expansion of the Kullihoma Tracts.

A motion was made by Ms. Case and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR25-059.

Members voting yes: Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Member voting no:

Beth Alexander

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR25-059 carried.

General Resolution Number 25-060, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Oklahoma, to be used by the Reentry Program.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25-060.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-060 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-061, Correction to General Resolution Number 18-062 Highway Right-Of-Way Easement in McClain County

This resolution corrects the legal description for the highway right-of-way to ODOT in General Resolution 18-062, in McClain County.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-061.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs, Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-061 carried unanimously.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report

(H). COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 25-004, Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 3 Section 6-307.1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Jurisdiction over Adoptions)

This resolution amends Title 6, Chapter 3 Section 6-307.1 (Jurisdiction over Adoptions) so that it clarifies the jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation District Court regarding adoptions. This resolution was requested by the District Court Judge.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve PR25-004.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-058 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments were made by Mr. Mike Watson.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Submitted by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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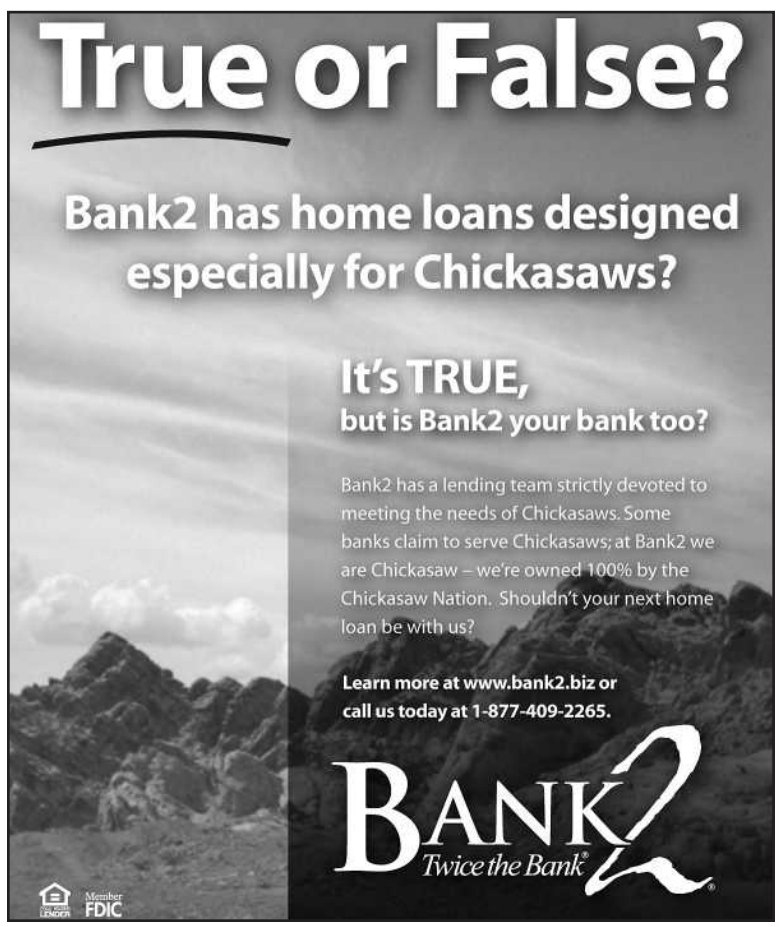
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the residents gathered inside the fort for protection.

Should Johnson's team confirm the collectors' findings, perhaps this much cheaper and easier to use form of remote sensing could be used in some situations. With their instruments, Johnson's team surveyed the bluff top where the parallel arrays of flags had been planted. But, Johnson wrote that there was "no obvious correlation" between the lines of surveyor flags and "any patterns of geophysical data" from the instruments.

It was possible that Johnson's instrumentation wasn't sensitive enough for this specific purpose. So he got permission from the Nation to dig two small trenches in different places which intersected two of the parallel lines. He chose those specific locations because his electronic data suggested the presence of underground trash pits. Therefore, the trenches did double duty: first, no evidence of a palisade wall appeared but second, the first trench did contain evidence of a trash pit. They initially found small bits of ceramics and stone tools, but as they dug deeper, to 40 centimeters, they uncovered larger artifacts and well preserved animal bones. The artifacts included an iron ax head, glass bead, and a piece of cut copper.

Since presumably families would have filled up these normally 2 meter by 2 meter trash pits within months, the artifacts should date from approximately the same time. This enables scientists to assign a relatively narrow time span during which the occupants lived there. Johnson's team dated the material to the early 18th century. That data conformed to the early period occupation established from Beasley's surface collection.

But, again, Johnson's instrumentation failed to detect any house sites. This was somewhat frustrating because house sites had to be near the trash pits. This means that mapping the occupation of Chisha' talla' will be somewhat similar to mapping a modern residential area by noting only the placement of garbage cans. The main difference is that some of the 18th century trash pits are not intact, while others are undetectable for other reasons.

Even so, there was plenty of data for the tribe to know that this bluff-top land, unlike Area 1, was archaeologically sensitive. Furthermore, Area 2 contained the "largest concentration of Chickasaw features" that the team was able to find on the preserve. That, in itself, was worth knowing about Chisha' talla'.

This last observation included surveys of Areas 3 and 4 as well, and both produced disappointing results for different reasons. Area 3 is an area adjacent to a stock pond that was far enough away from any of Beasley's outbuildings that the survey should not have been impeded by 20th century artifacts. It is on a heavily wooded incline upland from the stock pond. Remote sensing picked up several anomalies, some of which were investigated with shovel testing and closer inspections of the ground where possible. A few artifacts turned up but the team felt that it is unlikely that many if any intact cultural deposits remain in that area.

On the other hand, Area 4 included the spot where Beasley had built a barn then torn it down years later, unintentionally leaving a lot of nails and metal debris scattered in the area. The large amount of debris nullified the remote sensing instruments as the team hunted for the presumed fortification, represented by an elongated feature filled with dark dirt in which Beasley had found the bear skull years ago.

Over a gulf of many years, Beasley thought he remembered approximately where the feature had been and directed the team to first one spot, then another. Each time the team dug a trench perpendicular to where he recalled the linear pattern to be. One location contained a trash pit, containing a cache of artifacts: ceramics, stone tools and animal bones. Also, a brass tinkler cone and lead musket ball were retrieved. Altogether, these artifacts suggest early European contact, about 1700.

The artifacts recovered during the survey are being analyzed by Johnson and specialists under his supervision. They will be returned to the tribe by October 1 and be discussed in the final report to the Chickasaw Nation. Information about Chisha' talla' from the report will be included in the exhibits. Also, some of the artifacts from Johnson's study and the large Beasley collection could be displayed at the Chisha' talla' interpretive center when it opens in the future.

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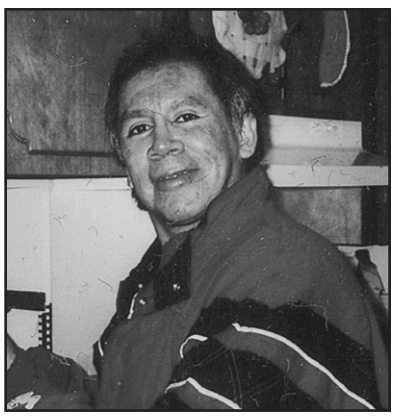
1. C. Jesse Chisholm and Montford Johnson planned to be partners in a ranching venture, but before they could begin, Chisholm contracted cholera and died. Nevertheless, on Chisholm's prior say-so about Johnson, the Kiowas, Cheyennes and Arapahoes left Johnson's ranch alone. They raided all of the other ranches in the area around Camp Arbuckle. Source: *The Chickasaw Rancher* by Neil R. Johnson, edited by C. Neil Kingsley.

2. C. 1856 was the year the Chickasaws convened at Good Spring (later Tishomingo) to draft their constitution conferring sovereignty on the tribe after living in the Choctaw Nation since the tribe was removed west of the Mississippi beginning in 1837. Source: "The Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation," *Journal of Chickasaw History*, Vol. 2, No. 2 (1996).

3. A. According to historian Wendy St. Jean who analyzed the 1847 census, 20 percent owned slaves. Of that 20 percent, 13 percent owned from 1 to 5 slaves. Nearly 5 percent owned between 5 and 10. Just over 3 percent owned more than 10 slaves. Source: Wendy St. Jean, "After Removal," *The Journal of Chickasaw History*, volume 5, number 2, (1999).

4. A. Although all four factors may have influenced the election, the referendum was over whether or not the tribe should meet with the Dawes Commission to adopt the land allotment program. Harris, a mixed-blood Chickasaw, noted that the U.S. government had not honored the former treaties and wondered what value a new agreement would have with the government when "it suits the United States to call on us for some other change and concession of our property rights." Even so, Harris thought making an agreement with the Dawes Commission was inevitable and should be on terms as favorable to the Chickasaws as possible. Full-blood Wolf opposed any agreement that ceded Chickasaw land. Source: Richard Green, "The Trails to Atoka," *The Journal of Chickasaw History*, Vol. 3, No. 2 (1997).

Michael Brown
June 27, 1959 - June 2, 2007



How blessed are the ties that bind our hearts in lasting love
The comradeship of kindred minds is like to that above.
So when at last we have to part, in sorrow and in pain
We know we still are joined in heart, until we meet again.
Michael, we all miss you very much. It's been a year, but it still feels just like yesterday, when each and everyone
Of our hearts was shattered when you were suddenly taken away from us. Knowing you and other loved ones are living in heaven has helped us to carry on.
I love you Michael.
Mom, sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews

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as to the State of Oklahoma. I strongly believe he deserves this honor."

First elected governor of the Chickasaw Nation in 1987, Gov. Anoatubby has been a tireless champion for the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation and the state of Oklahoma. Gov. Anoatubby's role in many statewide initiatives has been instrumental in helping transform a historically challenging relationship between the tribes and the state. Gov. Anoatubby has overseen tremendous economic growth and development and under his leadership, the Chickasaw Nation has taken an innovative and creative approach to a wide variety of services and initiatives, including economic development, health, education and quality housing. Currently, Gov. Anoatubby serves as chairman of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, leading fundraising efforts for an American Indian Cultural Center featuring history and culture from more than three dozen tribes native to Oklahoma.

Others honored include: Chris Cummiskey, chief information officer and director, Arizona Government Information Technology Agency; Lisa Webb Sharpe, director, Michigan Department of Management and Budget; Dr. Veronia C. Garcia, secretary, New Mexico Department of Education; William N. Lindsay, III, chairman, Colorado Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform; A. Scott Anderson, president and CEO, Zions First National Bank, Utah; Beverley Taylor Sorenson, founder, Art Works for Kids, Utah; and Las Artes Arts and Education Center, South Tucson, Arizona.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Elmer Reed, Jr.

Elmer Reed, Jr., 64, died July 15, 2008 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. Graveside funeral services were July 18, 2008 at the Maysville (OK) Cemetery with Rev. Danny Gamble officiating.

Mr. Reed was born Jan. 15, 1944 at McAlester, Okla., to Elmer Reed, Sr., and Flora (Anderson) Reed.

He lived in Garvin County most of his life. He enjoyed hunting and watching television. Mr. Reed worked as a farm laborer form any years before becoming disabled. He was Chickasaw citizen and affiliated with the Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elmer; and three brothers, Jimmie, Charles, and Ronald.

He is survived by his mother, Flora Reed, of Pauls Valley, Okla.; sisters, Wanda Davis, of Maysville, Shirley McMillan, of Pauls Valley, and Sherry Rhodes, of Ada; and many nieces and nephews.

Era Mae Carney

Era Mae Carney, 84, died July 12, 2008 at Ardmore, Okla. She was born Dec. 17, 1923 to Joe and Mary Jane (Hamilton) Underwood at Russett, Okla.

Services were July 17, 2008 at Griffin-Hillcrest Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Steve Wall officiating. Burial was at Russett Cemetery.

She was raised in Mannsville, Okla., and was a member of Ardmore Indian Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting, quilting, and feeding the birds. Her home was open to all who needed her, including her ten children and children she took in to raise. All of the children in her community called her "Mom". She read the Bible every day and worried and prayed about everyone she knew. Her greatest joys and successes were in raising and caring for others.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, William Tyson; a son, Melvin "Gube" Underwood; a brother, Andrew "Bud" Underwood; and a sister, Geraldine "Babe" Mose.

She is survived by six sons, Sonny Tyson and companion, Cindy Miller, Calvin Carney and Patricia, all of Oklahoma City, Charley Carney, Cecil Carney, Richard Carney and wife, Angie and Thurman Carney and companion, Linda Underwood, all of Ardmore; two daughters, Nora Lampkin and husband, Raymond, and Gloria Battice and husband, David, all of Ardmore; daughter-in-law, Serena Underwood, McAlester, Okla.; 18 grandchildren, Ricky Tyson, Donna Clifford, and Waylon Carney, all of Oklahoma City, Becky Patterson, Randy Carney, Mark Carney, Billy Carney, Adrian Carney, Amanda Carney, Maegan Carney, Lennon Carney, Joseph Carney, Raven Carney, Cynthia Lampkin, Amber Lampkin, Brandon Battice, and Drew Battice, all of Ardmore, and Lycrisha Parnacher, Lone Grove, Okla.; nine-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Chet Underwood, Ardmore, Gene Underwood, Sulphur, Okla., and Ted Underwood, Bristow, Okla.; and a sister, Delores Monetathchi, Tishomingo, Okla.

Bearers were Ricky Tyson, Brent Underwood, Randy Carney, Waylon Carney, Lennon Carney, Adrian Carney and Brandon Battice.

Honorary bearers were Jordan Tyson, Bark Carney, Billy Carney, Joseph Carney, Drew Battice Justin Carney, Jace Carney and Michael Carney.

Alycia Anita Dempsey

Alycia Anita "Ann" Dempsey, 82, of Purcell, Okla., died July 7, 2008 at the Norman Regional Hospital, Norman, Okla. A rosary service was July 10, 2008 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, July 11, 2008 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church with Father Michael Vaught officiating. Burial followed at the Lexington Catholic Cemetery, Lexington, Okla.

The eldest of two children she was born May 15, 1926 in Davis, Okla., to Elvis Gilbert and Magnola Uria (Myers) Ramsey.

She moved a lot in her younger years and eventually moved to Muskogee where she graduated from high school in 1946.

She met Robert Edward Dempsey on Oct. 21, 1945 in Muskogee while he was stationed at Camp Gruber. Together they raised seven children. They moved to Belmond, Iowa and later lived in Oklahoma City, Mason City, Nevada and Clarion, Iowa, before settling in Purcell in 1981.

Mrs. Dempsey was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend who cherished her family and especially her grandchildren. She loved 40s and 50s oldies music and was an avid reader and enjoyed working word puzzles.

She was gifted with her hands and gifted in hand work including needlepoint and crochet and was an excellent cook.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elvis Ramsey and Magnola Thompson; a daughter, Cynthia Arms; and sister-in-law, Frances Ramsey.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, of the home; five sons, Thomas Dempsey and wife, Sue, of Mason City, Iowa, John A. Dempsey and wife Pam, of Purcell, James B. Dempsey and wife, Charlene, of Ft. Smith, Ark., Robert J. Dempsey and wife, Michelle, of Oklahoma City, and Dennis Dempsey, of Ft. Worth, Texas; a daughter, Deanna Marie Drake and husband, Chris, of Fredricksburg, Va.; a brother, Elvis T. Ramsey "Dee", of Kingston, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and other family and friends.

Pallbearers were her sons, Thomas, John, James, Robert, Dennis and grandson Douglas Dempsey.

Raymond John Randall Palmer

Raymond John Randall Palmer, 19-months, died June 28, 2008 at Oklahoma City. He was born Nov. 5, 2006 at Ardmore, Okla., to Tamara Ely and Conrad Nedd, Jr., Ardmore.

Services were July 2, 2008 at Griffin-Hillcrest Chapel with Pastors Melvin Palmer and Jay Mule officiating. Burial was at McAlister Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Alison Ely; paternal grandmother, Freda Roberts; paternal great-grandparents; maternal great-grandparents, Francis and Otis Roberts; and maternal great-grandmother, Millie Palmer.

He is survived by parents, Tamara Ely and Conrad Nedd, Jr., Ardmore; a sister, Navia Nedd, Ardmore; paternal grandfather, Conrad Nedd, Sr., Tulsa; maternal grandparents, Carrie and Paul Wallace, Ardmore and Winston Palmer, Ardmore; maternal great-grandfather, Raymond Palmer, Ardmore; seven uncles; and six aunts.

Joe Brent Burgess

Joe Brent Burgess, 52, of Kemp, Okla., died July 18, 2008 at Texoma Medical Center, Denison. He was born June 29, 1956 in Denison, to Byron and Bobbie Turnbull Burgess.

Services were July 22, 2008 at Kemp Baptist Church with Rev. Roger Speers officiating. Burial followed at Kemp Cemetery.

Mr. Burgess attended schools in Kemp and Yuba, Okla., and graduated from Yuba High School. He attended Grayson County College for four years receiving his electrician license and was an electrician for most of his life. He later attended photography classes at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

He was a member of Kemp Baptist Church and a lifelong resident of Kemp.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ronald Burgess.

He is survived by his parents, Byron and Bobbie Burgess, Kemp; a daughter, Tessa Manning and husband, Sam, Irving, Texas; a son, Ty Burgess, Dallas; a brother, Barry Burgess; a nephew, Baron Burgess; and a niece, Bailey Burgess, all of Kemp.

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May the warm winds of heaven
blow softly upon yur house
May the great spirit
Bless all who enter there,
May your mocassins
Make happy tracks in many snows
And may the rainbow
Always touch your shoulder
May the river of fortune
Always flow in your direction
And the universe and the stars
Twinkle upon your spirit
Your loving sister,
Sharon Hopkins Cortez

Ellen S. Dawson

Ellen Malacha (Sacra) Dawson died June 25, 2008 at Midwest City, Okla. The Mass of Christian Burial was June 30, 2008 at St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church, Midwest City with Father Timothy Fuller and Father Jack Feehily officiating. Interment followed at Arlington Memory Gardens, Midwest City.

Mrs. Dawson was born Oct. 25, 1920 at Denison, Texas to Lillian Leo Sacra and Leston Kilpatrick Sacra.

She was a 1937 graduate of St. Xavier Academy in Denison and attended Our Lady of Victory at Fort Worth, Texas.

She married Rockleigh S. "Rock" Dawson on November 28, 1943. She lived in Midwest City since 1946 and was a retired realtor. She was a charter member of St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church and is an eternal member of the Body of Christ. She was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lillian and Leston Sacra; her husband, Rock; and a brother, Joseph Ralph Sacra.

She is survived by three sons, Rockleigh, Jr., and wife, Polly Dawson, Houston, Robert R. Dawson, Midwest City, and Jimmy Dawson, Kingston, Okla.; a daughter, Mary Ellen and husband, Paul Cook, Mesquite, Texas; a brother, Gerald Leston Sacra, Monrovia, Calif.; eight grandchildren, Geoffry Cook, Carrie Ellen (Cook) Wilson, Rockleigh, Christopher and Brooke Dawson, and Lindsay, Jamie and Abby Dawson; five great-grandchildren; god-daughter, Shelby Wilson; six nieces and nephews and their families including Diane and Courtneigh Moentnish; and many relative and friends.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church and School, 1107 Felix Place, Midwest City, OK 73110.

Online condolences made at www.smithparks.com

Vernon E. McCarty

Vernon E. (Sonny Lloyd) McCarty, 70, Tulsa, died July 7, 2008 at a Tulsa hospital. He was born Nov. 11, 1937 at Jesse, Okla., to Don Gipson and Juanita McCarty.

Services were July 10, 2008 at Nick Reynolds Funeral Service, Tulsa., with Rev. Rick Matthews officiating. A committal service was July 10, 2008 at Byrd's Prairie Cemetery, Tupelo, Okla.

Mr. McCarty graduated from Tupelo High School and from Okmulgee Tech, Okmulgee, Okla.

He married Ginger Margaret Price. He later married Bonnie Flohr on Sept. 3, 1994. He was the manager for Jones Academy Boarding School in Hartshorne from 1962 until 1984. Later he was a safety officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs from 1984 until 1998.

He was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Juanita McCarty Lloyd and step-father, Ben Lloyd.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie McCarty, of the home; two sons, Russell McCarty, Tahlequah, and Gary McCarty and wife, Dorothy, Adamson, Okla.; a daughter, Tonya May, Tahlequah; a step-son, Keith Willbourn, Cleveland, Okla.; and a step-daughter, Lisa Bunde, Cleveland, Okla.; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers were Max Quinn, Bill Latimer, Steve Chism and Paul Kessler.

Mary "Mickey" Ayers

Mary Mildred "Mickey" (James) Ayers, 83, died July 8, 2008. Services were July 12, 2008 at Vondel L. Smith & Son South Colonial Chapel. Graveside followed at Resthaven Memory Gardens, Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Ayers was born the seventh child of a seventh child in Seven Shooter, Okla. She was the strength and foundation of her family. She was a rare and beautiful soul, an incredible friend to many and a gift from God to us all. She never met a stranger and had an amazing presence and style, and a unique sense of humor that would light up any room she entered. She made everyone feel as if they were the most important person in her life and the time and memories shared with her will be cherished. Anyone who was blessed with her friendship will never forget her.

She was proud to be a member of the Chickasaw Nation.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur H. James; her mother, Jenny Lee James; seven brothers and sisters; her husband, Jim "Buddy" Ayers; a son Darrell M. Ross; grandsons, John T. Ross and Paul D. Ross.

She is survived by a daughter, Judy Ross and husband, Floyd Ross; sons, Ron Lewis, John Ross and Joe Ross; 23 adoring grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a host of beloved family and friends.

The family extends a special thank you to Marcy Green, for her stellar loving care and Dr. Sackett for the special kindness shown towards the family on the darkest days and to Pat Benitez for the kindness and loving care given. The family also extends a special thank you to Dr. Murray and his nurse, Nancy King, for their special attention given to her needs for many years.

Margaret Lou Allen

Margaret Lou Allen of Marietta, Okla., died June 28, 2008 at Mercy Health Love County, Marietta at the age of 79. She was born Jan. 17, 1929 in Marietta to Dock James and Iola Jane Coyle Payne.

Services were July 1, 2008 at Flanagan-Watts Funeral Home Chapel, Marietta, with Rev. Tommy Higle officiating. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery, Marietta.

A resident of Love County all her life, Mrs. Allen attended Marietta High School. She was a homemaker and especially enjoyed cooking holiday dinners for her family. Her hobbies included crocheting, making baby blankets, and listening to country music. She treasured the time she could spend with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Allen also dearly loved her cat, Snowball.

She was a member of Marietta's First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three husbands, Ralph Walter Daugherty, Hugh Lee Edwards, and Horace B. Allen; and two sons, Bill Walter Daugherty and Hughie L. Edwards.

She is survived by a son, Delbert Daugherty and wife, Melvina, Marietta; six grandchildren, Michael Daugherty, Ardmore, Okla., Melissa and Barton McMillan, Denton, Texas, Christopher Daugherty, Thackerville, Okla., Angela and Bronson Noland, Davis, Okla., Jennifer and Jason Redus, Lewisville, Texas, and Sean Daugherty, Dallas; and three great-grandchildren, Trenton McMillin, Macy McMillin, Jacob Redus.

Pall bearers were Barton McMillin, Jason Redus, Bronson Noland, Billy Fred McKay, Sean Daugherty, Robert Crozier, and Chris Daugherty.

Honorary bearers were Dr. J.T. O'Connor, Bill Driscoll and the nursing staff of Mercy Health Love County.

Online guest book is at watts-funeralhome.com

Kara Renea Sampson

Kara Renea Sampson, 16, died June 26, 2008 at Ardmore, Okla. She was born Oct. 7, 1991 to Johnny and Joyce Sampson, Ardmore.

Services were June 30, 2008 at Griffin-Hillcrest Chapel with Rev. Randy Baptiste officiating. Burial took place at Nelda Cemetery.

Kara was very talented in drawing, painting, cooking and sewing. She couldn't run around outside and have fun like most 16-year olds because of her health, but God gave her many talents to do with her hands. Her homemade carrot cake was awesome. She was a wonderful and remarkable young lady who touched the lives of many people in so many ways. She didn't believe in handshakes, only hugs, and towards the end she knew no strangers, everyone was family. She was a good domino player, poker player and she loved to play Yahtzee.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Alfred and Irene Mose; grandpa, Cecil Taylor; Pa-Pa, Edward Sampson; uncle, Joe Thomas; and cousin, Brandon Henry.

She is survived by her parents, Johnny and Joyce Sampson; two brothers, Chris and Ross Sampson; two sisters, Chellsee Sampson, all of the home, and Candace Sampson-Onco and husband, Will, of Ardmore; a special grandparent, Ahnawake Taylor, of Madill, Okla.; a very special nephew, Tayenn Ka'Ron Onco; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Bearers were Jessie Sampson, Shawn Taylor, Chad and Brent Henry, Kyle Hallmark and Chon Gonzales.

Honorary bearers were Chris Sampson, Jared (Ross) Sampson, Donovan Taylor, Dakota Taylor, Ryan Taylor and Landyn Walker.